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NAZIS MAY TRY ROUND-ABOUT TRANSPORTATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

ALLIED CONTROL MAY soon be extended to the Adriatic if rumours prove true that 27 German steamers are expected in Dubrovnik for the loading of Yugoslav wheat and minerals for transportation to the Reich via the Italian railways.

This new "round-about transportation" of Yugoslav goods is said to have been decided on because the Yugoslav railways are not sufficient to transport all Germany's requirements.

The rumours are not given much credence, as Germany knows her ships will be seized as soon as they venture outside Italian territorial waters.

Meanwhile Allied intervention in the Black Sea is improbable for the time being, and is entirely dependent on the amount of help Germany receives from Russia.

The conviction is gaining ground here that Russia is seeking by all

means to avoid open hostilities with the Allies, being conscious of her inability to face Britain and France either in the military or economic fields.

MORE SEIZURES OF SOVIET SHIPS?

Certain Soviet circles have even given it to be understood that Russia is ready to sign an agreement with the Allies binding her not to retransmit to Germany any goods imported through Soviet harbours. These semi-official indications are received at the moment with some distrust.

Meanwhile, the seized Soviet steamers will not be released and other seizures will eventually be made. — Havas.

DISTURBING MOVE BY ITALIANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA-MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Ten classes of the Italian Marine Reserve have been ordered to report immediately to concentration points, reports the Rome correspondent of the "Paris Soir."

At the same time, all fishing craft have been ordered to return to their harbours, he reports.

Official confirmation is lacking. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — South-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy generally with occasional rain.

BRITAIN'S FAR EAST POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The British Government has repeatedly proclaimed that the only Chinese Government Britain recognizes is the Chungking Government, and does not feel that it is necessary, following the formation of Wang's Government, to re-affirm the position, which is unchanged, authorised circles declare.

Naturally, Britain is observing with the greatest care the development of the situation and watching Wang's eventual progress in extending his power over the area under Japanese control; the attitude of the Chinese population towards the new Government; and whether Wang's actions

BRITAIN PURCHASES U.S. SHIPS

Washington, To-day. The Maritime Commission announces that it has approved the sale of the steamers Texas Banker, Texas Trader and Texas Ranger, all of about 2,600 tons, to Sir William Reardon Smith with transfer to British registry. — Reuter.

SEAFORTHS PRIVATE GRANTED REPRIEVE

Chungking, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, has decided to reprieve James Eckford, a private in the Seaforth Highlanders, who is under sentence of death for the murder of a comrade in Shanghai.

The sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment with hard labour.

The reprieve follows the presenting of a petition to the Ambassador by British and American residents in Shanghai. — Reuter.

are dependent or not on the Japanese Government or the Japanese military administration in China.

British interests, however, may compel the British authorities to establish most reserved but correct relations with the local authorities in regions under Japanese control over which Wang is attempting to establish his authority. — Havas.

U.S. ENVOY KEEPS UP GOOD WORK

Toronto, To-day.

Mr. James Cromwell, the U.S. Minister, in a speech here yesterday urged education in Democratic ideals in order to circumvent "those who would divest men of every human freedom, diverting their fears and suspicions with words of false security."

Mr. Cromwell added that in the battle of ideas being fought out in every part of the world deception and camouflage had been developed as an art as in the Great War.

"We see those who would destroy human dignity — by the enforcement of unquestioned obedience — hold a mirage of superiority before the eyes of their people in order to lead them towards the abyss of aggression and conquest."

"We must share our Democratic ideals and processes to the end that the problems which tyranny falsely boasts can be solved only by the sword shall be solved by free men under free institutions." — Reuter.

Mr. Cromwell recently delivered a speech attacking the totalitarians which created a furore in America.

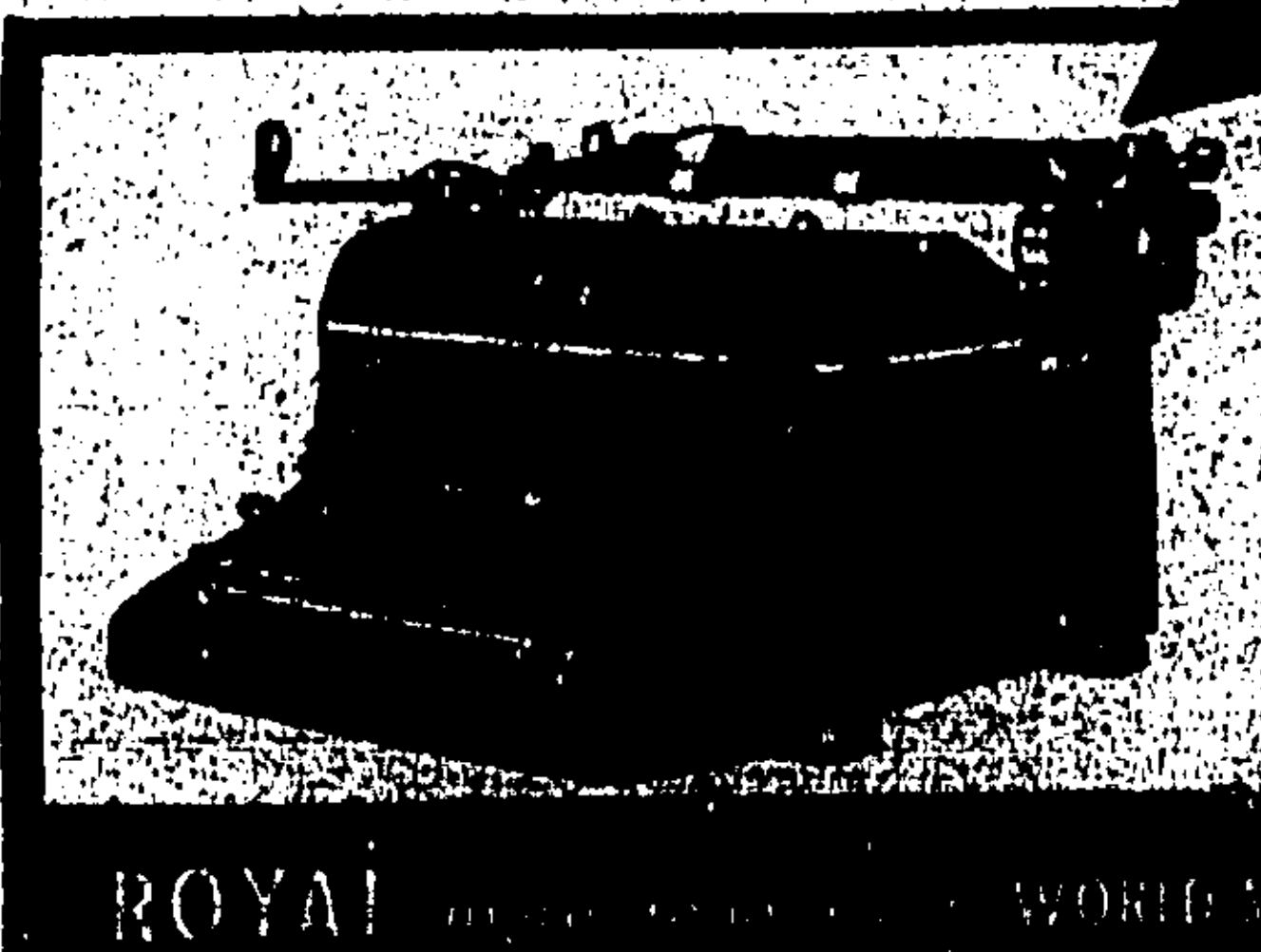


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London, To-day.

DESCRIBING THE SYLT RAID, one of the section leaders said it was much easier than bombing on a practice range — there being no rules and regulations to observe.

Sylt, he said, was easily visible on the night of the raid and the crews could see new diggings in the sand between Hornum and the southern end of the island.

A strong following wind caused the British machines to arrive 20 minutes early and the section leader filled in part of the time by zigzagging down the extreme length of the island.

"I spent most of the time trying out new night binoculars," he said. "I had several pairs with me and when the time was up I flew over the target, dropped a parachute flare and then made the first bombing attack."

"DUMMY RUN."

"It wasn't too good for my observers signalled 'dummy run' so I went back and tried again, this time, I think, with more success. I could see a large crane for hauling seaplanes out of the water quite clearly and I felt the concussion of the bombs as they exploded."

"I approached the huge line of searchlights fringing the easternmost side of the island from the rear and they looked just like a line of bayonets. The halo cast by them must have shown up my plane but we were not hit."

"The searchlights were like a signal saying to us 'Come on, here is Sylt.' We saw them miles out over the sea and when I flew down to the island I must say they seemed to be pretty accurate."

NAZI PLANE PLASTERED

Describing an earlier leaflet raid over Berlin the officer said he was told a Messerschmitt was on his tail. "What happened to him I don't know," he added. "He must have been plastered all over with paper because we were dropping leaflets at the time."

He considered the strongest defended German area from the ground was the Ruhr, where, he said, "they oppose us tooth and nail."

"THOUGHT IT NICE"

Describing a low flight over Berlin the speaker said two members of the crew lost consciousness when flying at 22,000 feet through not using the oxygen supply.

The Canadian navigator rendered them aid but himself felt ill after, "so I dived from 22,000 to 9,000 feet to revive them, and opened up the engine over the heart of Berlin. That wasn't in the programme but I thought it would be nice to do it." — British Wireless.

USE FOR SURPLUS POTATOES

London, Today.

The Ministry of Food announces that six factories are to be built to convert surplus potatoes into animal feeding stuffs.

They will probably be built on the east coast of Scotland, in Yorkshire and in Lincolnshire, and are expected to handle about 100,000 tons a year. They are regarded as only the first of many.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange yesterday was cheerful and the markets showed numerous final gains, particularly among gilt-edged securities, which reacted favourably to the year's national revenue returns.

Gold-mining shares also strengthened, but Indian irons eased despite the declaration of an interim dividend of 12 annas.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

J. A. HOBSON DEAD

London, To-day.

The well-known economist, J. A. Hobson, died yesterday at the age of 82. He was the author of numerous books and articles on economics. — Reuter.

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GENERALISSIMO PREDICTS :

EARLY COLLAPSE OF JAPANESE CHINA ADVENTURE

Chungking, To-day.

THE DENUNCIATION OF Wang Ching-wei and a review of military, domestic and foreign affairs during the past six months were features of the half-hour speech made by General Chiang Kai-shek at the ceremony of opening the fifth session of the National People's Council yesterday morning.

Any regime set up by Wang Ching-wei, "in whatever form and under whatever name, cannot be anything else than an instrument of the Japanese Army," he declared. He added: "Such a regime cannot affect China's resistance nor will it be recognised by the world."

A formal statement of the National People's Political Council will be issued to-day; it will denounce Wang Ching-wei.

The statement will be discussed and approved at the first business session.

Reviewing military developments in the past six months, General Chiang declared that the Japanese drives in south Kwangsi, north Hunan, north Hupeh, north Kwangtung, south Shansi and western Suiyuan had all been repulsed by the Chinese.

JAPANESE LOSSES

General Chiang particularly stressed the recent Chinese success in western Suiyuan, where they recaptured Wuyuan.

He stated Japanese losses in the past six months fighting totalled 230,000 killed and wounded.

He emphasised that Chinese military strength both in quality and quantity had steadily improved, while Japanese strength was declining.

He urged the country to make a greater effort in the third period of China's resistance and "deliver the final blow to the enemy and achieve the final Chinese victory."

ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD

General Chiang said that despite the European war assistance to China on the part of friendly powers not only had not declined but had steadily increased.

He pointed out that the Soviet-Finnish war for a time threatened to complicate the international situation. He hoped with the end of the Soviet-Finnish war closer co-operation would be effected among the powers, particularly Russia, Britain, the United States and France, for the establishment of peace in the Far East.

General Chiang stated the Japanese intended to play the powers against each other in the hope of strengthening their own position in the Far East but such a policy had failed.

EARLY COLLAPSE PREDICTED

He declared that despite pressure and threats from Japan the policy of the United States Government in the Far East was becoming stronger daily.

After stressing the internal difficulties of Japan, as well as Japan's isolated position in international relations, General Chiang predicted the early collapse of Japan's adventure in China.

Referring to domestic affairs he pointed to the strides made towards the early establishment of constitutional government.

After explaining the importance of economic reconstruction during the time of resistance, he stated the creation of the new Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry was for the specific purpose of improving the economic condition of Chinese farmers.

DENUNCIATION OF WANG

The Generalissimo, who was attired in military uniform, appeared to be in excellent spirits and health as he presided at the meeting. He frequently smiled and nodded to members.

Mr. Chang Po-lin, Vice-Chairman of the Council and President of Nanking University, announced that a formal statement denouncing Wang Ching-wei would be discussed and adopted at to-day's session of the Council. The draft was discussed at an informal tea party of members on Sunday.

Foreign pressmen were invited to attend this morning's opening ceremony. — Reuter.

SHAMEEN COUNCIL ELECTS MEMBERS

Canton, To-day.

Owing to the impending departure of A. J. Bird (Chartered Bank) and B. L. Stock (A.P.C.) the annual meeting of the Shameen ratepayers elected L. B. Wood (Deacon's) and D'Arcy Baker-Carr (B.A.T.) to fill the vacancies on the Shameen Municipal Council.

The Council now comprises A. E. Smith (Jardine's), M. W. Wood (Hong Kong Bank), B. B. Anthony (Socony), L. B. Wood and D'Arcy Baker-Carr. — Reuter.

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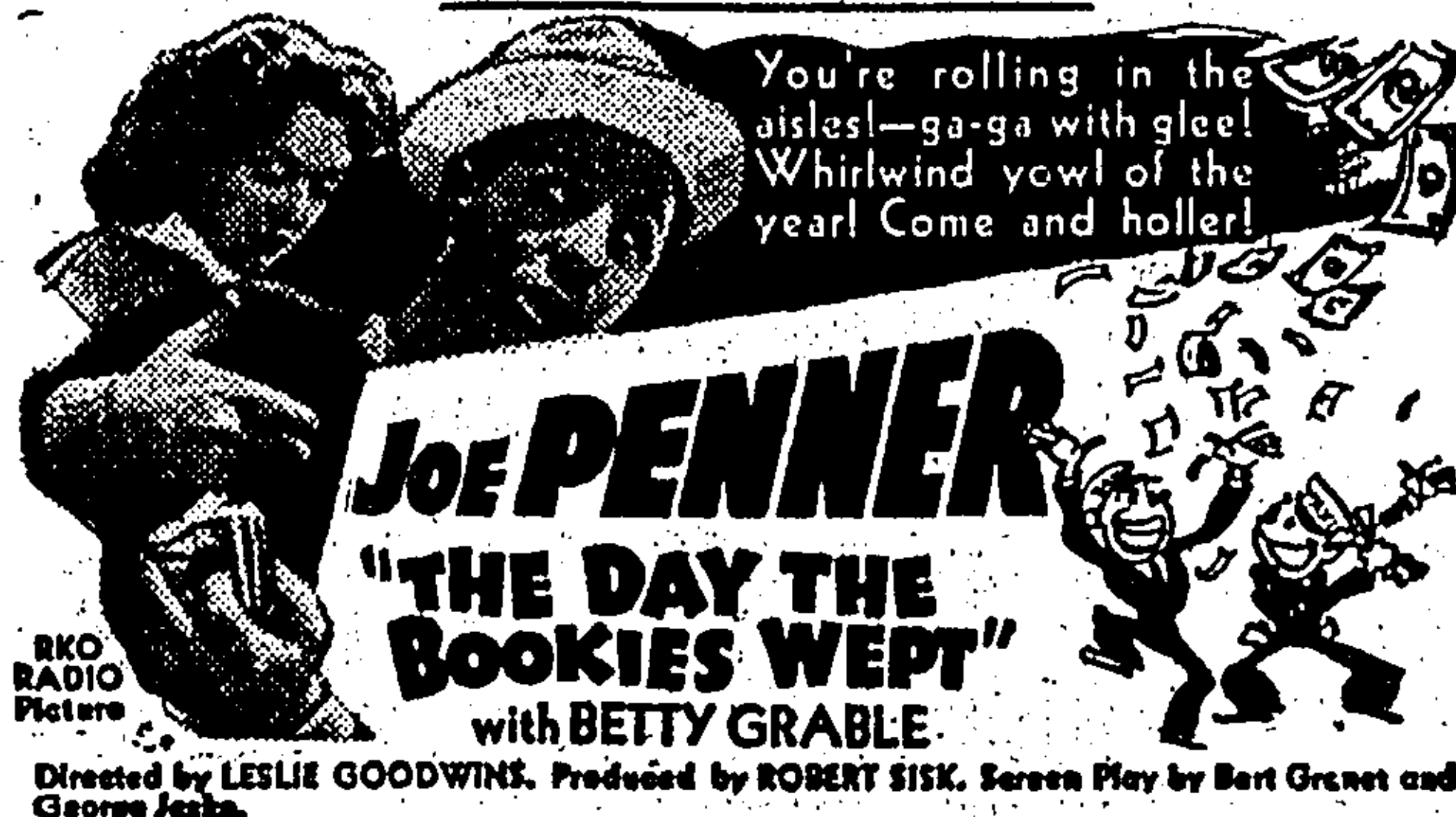
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TREATY DENUNCIATION EFFECTS EMERGING

FEARS IN JAPANESE SILK, IRON AND OIL INDUSTRIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

WHILE THERE IS NO ACUTE fear of depression in Japan's general export trade as a consequence of the treaty-less situation prevailing between this country and the United States since January 26, economic circles expect a falling off in shipping business and imports of vital raw materials, ranging from 10 up to 40 per cent, according to a survey by the "Jitsugyo Tembo" (Financial Outlook), widely read monthly financial revue, in its March issue.

Among the leading companies affected, the magazine numerates six big shipping enterprises, including the well known N.Y.K., O.S.K. and Mitsu Steamship, operating more than 30 vessels of a 400,00 total tonnage, on various routes connecting Japan and the United States.

The last available statistics showed a total profit of 14,000,000 yen for those companies for the year 1938. A diminution of profits of from 10 to 20 per cent, it is feared, will result from the treaty-less situation.

On the other hand, the review notes a general optimism in interested circles that sundry exports, although partially displaced from the North American market by the uncertainties of the situation, could be successfully diverted to new outlets.

SILK FEARS

No losses were so far registered in the silk export trade, which represents the most important single item. While plain silk clothes have been losing ground lately to rayon in Japan's exports to America, Japanese silk is more than ever in demand there in the form of hosiery, and the total exports have been rather increasing. The danger in this field is said to be the eventual competition of the new substitute, Nylon. The magazine learns that the Katakura Seishi Co., Japan's largest stocking exporter, is now attaching more importance to this new factor in the field than to the treaty-less situation.

Rayon manufacturers, cotton spinners, and canneries are optimistically looking forward to the treaty-less market, except for some misgivings among pineapple canners.

The porcelain industry, with Nagoya as its centre, seems to be the hardest hit by the treaty-abrogation. Its trade with America, which forms the bulk of its export business, is said to have already registered losses up to 40 per cent.

IRON AND OIL EMBARGO?

Most nervousness in view of a possible turn for the worst is

found by the magazine to prevail among the big importers of iron and oil, "the two important products of America, indispensable to Japan," probably largely motivated by rumours of an eventual embargo by the United States authorities in case of a worsening of the political relations between the two countries.

If petroleum ceased to come from the United States, the Japan Petroleum Co. would suffer the heaviest blow, this company being the leading importer.

The eventual suspension of America's scrap iron supplies would hit Nippon Iron, Nippon Steel, Ogura Steel, Nakayama Steel, Daido Steel, Special Steel, Amagasaki Steel and many other large and small steel manufacturers, according to the Jitsugyo Tembo.

The Mitsui Bussan, Mitsubishi Shoji, Morimira Gum, Okura Shoji, Hara Gomei, Asashi Silk, Toyo Cotton and other firms were canvassed by the financial monthly for eventual effects of the treaty-less situation, and all these big enterprises are said to be affected more or less, either in their export or their import trades by the abrogation of the 1911 treaty. — Havas.

NATIONALISM OF THE KREMLIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to the Diplomatic Correspondent of the Labour "Daily Herald," the view is held in some quarters that Stalin is of the opinion that the lands lost by Russia at the end of the last war were lost in a time of weakness and now that he feels she is strong again, it is time to get them back.

This doctrine, says the correspondent, has nothing to do with Bolshevism; it is Nationalism.—Havas.

***These lands include Finland, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, either wholly or in part.

THE SMITHS LOSE ONE

The London Gazette announces that Jack Vousden, of St. Luke's-street, Chelsea, originally known as Jack Edward Smith, has changed his name to Chhagon Bhawan Soianki.

The London Gazette also records that Samuel Immanuel Ralph Cohen, barrister-at-law, of Collingham-road, S.W., and Garden Court, Temple, E.C., intends from March 13 to assume the name of Seymour Ian Ralph Craig.

ALLIED BLOCKADE OF THE NORTH DELAYED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Diplomatic circles here report that the Allies have adjourned examination of the question of intercepting German trade in Scandinavia and that consultations between Paris, London and the Scandinavian capitals are temporarily interrupted.

PRO-GERMAN FACTION IN HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Coming back from Italy — where he examined the most delicate international problems — the Hungarian Premier, M. Teleki, is facing the most difficult home situation, diplomats here point out.

The pro-German faction — which represents the middle classes in opposition to M. Teleki, who represents the big landowners — have gained considerable strength of late owing to the population's fear of a German invasion.

Headed by the former Premier, Bela Imredy, the Opposition seeks a rapprochement with Germany. Its stand is reinforced by the Nazis' open sponsoring of agrarian reform favouring the middle class against the big landowners.

DELICATE SITUATION

Molotov's speech has further complicated matters.

M. Teleki promised Mussolini that Hungary would postpone her claims against Rumania. The Opposition feels that Hungarian pretensions may be satisfied in favour of a Soviet aggression against Rumania, just as Hungary benefited from German aggression against Czechoslovakia. It will require all M. Teleki's ability to handle the extremely delicate situation. — Havas.

This does not mean the Allies will indefinitely allow the abuse of territorial waters but merely that certain decisions which Britain and France intended to announce immediately to Norway and Sweden are delayed pending the elaboration of the technical details.

This delay should not be construed as a renunciation by the Allies of their determination to tighten the blockade.

DIPLOMATIC REASONS

The Allied decision to postpone the tightening of the naval control around Scandinavia came somewhat as a surprise.

Informed circles, however, say that the delay should not be interpreted as a sign that the Allies will eventually desist from preventing German abuse of her neighbours' neutrality but rather that it is only due to a desire to work out thoroughly certain technical details.

Diplomatic reasons probably also played their part in the Allied decision. — Havas.

MORE LETTERS GO ASTRAY

Bucharest, March 1.

Rumanian official circles emphatically deny that there are any German military censors in Rumania, or that German censors are working in this country.

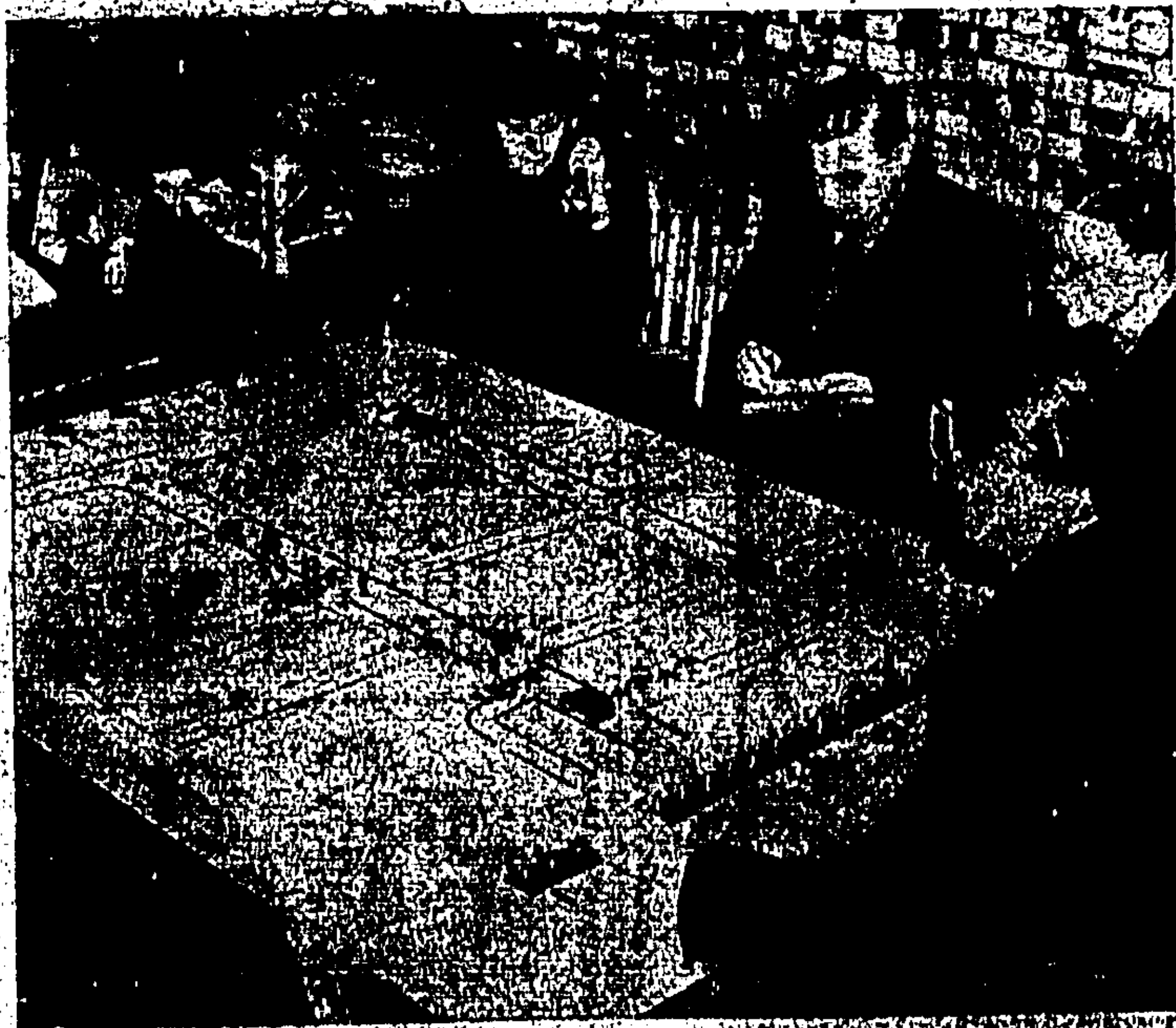
A searching inquiry has disclosed the fact that Polish refugees' correspondence, bearing the stamp of the "Oberkommando der Wehrmacht" and "German" or "Germans" which has given rise to the belief in the existence of German censors in Rumania, had in fact strayed to Germany and been censored there.

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Oslo's Attitude On Neutrality Question HONOUR OF SMALL STATES DR. KOHT THINKS NORWAY CAN KEEP OUT OF WAR

London, To-day.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER, Dr. Koht, yesterday gave Reuter a detailed exposition of Norway's attitude on the question of neutrality in the European war.

Referring to Mr. Winston Churchill's speech, Dr. Koht said: "I am very glad to see Mr. Churchill did not say anything that might be regarded as a menace to our neutrality or as an admonition to Norway to give up her neutrality."

Concerning the danger of Norway being involved in the blockade warfare, Dr. Koht said: "There will always be a danger to the peace of Norway while war is proceeding between her nearest overseas neighbours, but there is no necessity that for this reason Norway should be involved.

"Indeed, I believe it would be to the advantage of all parties that she should keep out."

Dr. Koht added it seemed to be the opinion in Britain that Norway was not protesting with the same vigour against German violations of Norway's neutrality as against the British.

NAZI ACTION RESENTED

Dr. Koht said: "We are protesting in the appropriate ways against the very different kinds of violation to which we are exposed."

"The damage done to Norway by Germany as regards loss of men and material is very deeply resented. We do all possible to get them stopped."

"What Britain has done against our neutrality is of a different character and in many cases does not touch our material interest so much as our honour and independence, but small nations too have points of honour they will have to defend."

NOT FORCED

Dr. Koht further declared Norway had not been forced to supply raw materials to any countries.

Regarding Norwegian exports to Germany, Dr. Koht said a fundamental point of the Anglo-Norwegian trade treaty was that Norway should maintain normal exports to all countries, including Germany, and Norway was not supplying Germany with any raw materials except those agreed to by the British Government.—Reuter.

IRON ORE EXPORTS

London, To-day.

A statement by authoritative Norwegian sources says the export of Swedish iron ore via Narvik to Germany since the outbreak of war is only a fraction of the peacetime traffic.

The statement continues that the

closing of Narvik for the transport of iron ore would not necessarily entail an essential decrease in the total export of iron ore to Germany, as it is estimated that probably over nine-tenths of the total iron ore exports from Sweden to Germany could be shipped from Lulea and other Swedish ports.—Reuter.

SOVIET SEIZURES IN POLAND

Paris, To-day.

The Polish Government has issued a protest against the general confiscation by the Soviet authorities in Poland of objects of artistic or historic value belonging to the Polish state or Polish individuals.

The protest has been transmitted to the French Foreign Office.

The Polish news agency says the Polish Government reserves the right to demand at an opportune moment complete reparation for the damage inflicted.—Reuter.

ALLY PURCHASES OF AMERICAN SHIPS

New York, To-day.

During the first six months of the war, the Allies bought 119,000 tons of American merchant shipping, announces the Foreign Policy Commission.

In addition, 245,000 tons were sold to neutrals.—Reuter.

FINLAND SPLITTING UP THE LAND

Helsinki, To-day.

Tens of thousands of farmers evacuated from the territory ceded to Russia are to be settled on new land under a scheme which will be published to-day and which is expected to be put into operation as soon as the snow melts.

Land belonging to the state, the church and private owners will be divided into holdings with a maximum area of 15 hectares. Settlers will be exempted from payments of debts and taxes for five years.—Reuter.

BELGIUM PROTECTING FRENCH SOIL

Brussels, To-day.

"Le Soir," reviewing events of the past weeks, says: "Our role is not the voluntary sacrifice of our country in a cause which, although our own, is beyond us in many of its aspects."

"But whether we will or not, we protect French soil."

"We should make much of this solidarity with the Allied cause in a purely defensive way, because our destiny is linked in the combined power of the two Allied Empires."

"It is an act of faith in our future." — Reuter.

BLOCKADE TO REACH PEAK IN SUMMER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the blockade of Germany will enter a new phase and will probably reach its peak of efficiency before the end of the Summer.

This will follow the Allied imposition of severe restrictions upon countries which might be intermediaries for German purchases.

Official indication has not yet been given but it is believed the Allies will modify the regime of territorial waters and control more strictly the accumulation of stocks by countries bordering Germany. — Havas.

WANG SLAVE OF JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

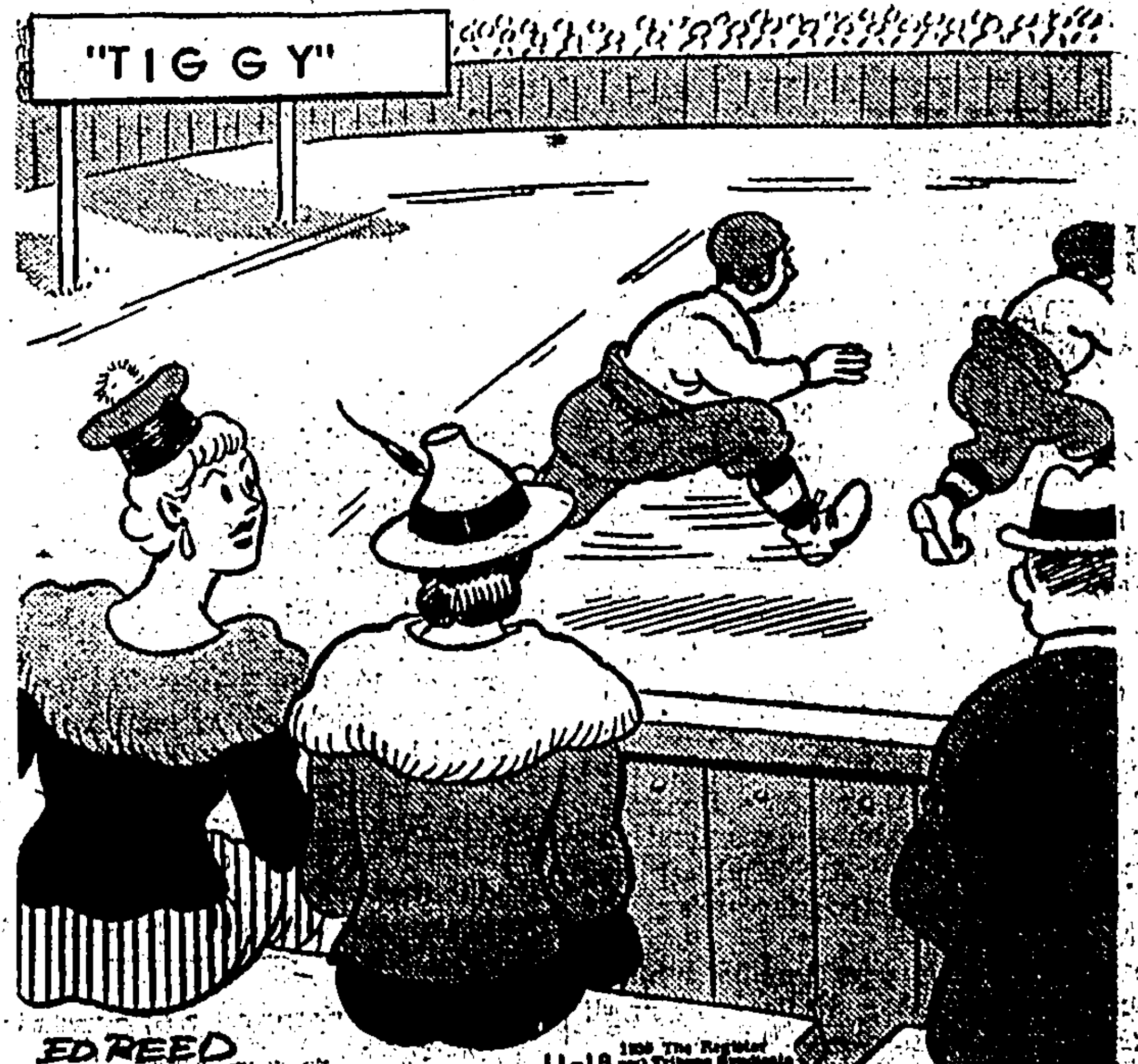
LT. CHIANG WEI-KUO, YOUNGEST SON OF GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK, BITTERLY DENOUNCED THE WANG CHING-WEI REGIME IN A SPEECH HERE YESTERDAY.

Lt. Chiang said the fact that Wang usurps Sun Yat-sen's name is a sign of "his base depraved morality."

Lt. Chiang added that Wang was condemned as a traitor throughout China. "He will be supported only by the Japanese military whose slave he is." — Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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JAPAN PRETENDS SHE IS NOT INTERESTED

Outward Reaction Of Calm Coolness To Mr. Hull

SPEECH DENYING U.S. RECOGNITION TO WANG REGIME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

CALM COOLNESS IS THE outward reaction to the speech of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, denying recognition to the Wang Ching-wei regime.

This is probably the result of the unrelenting campaign of the Government and press after the American denunciation of the trade treaty aiming to persuade the Japanese public that Japan is no more interested by what America does and thinks in the Far East.

Many foreign observers here believe that Mr. Hull's statement, instead of restraining Japan, will only be taken by the Government as one more opportunity of strengthening the people's determination never to accept being stopped by any foreign power but rather to face the economic and other perils which this stubbornness may entail.

JAPANESE BELIEFS

Furthermore, Japanese Government circles believe the United States is becoming more and more isolated from Britain and France in Far Eastern politics.

They hint that Mr. Hull's blow was much deadened by the previous conciliatory speech by Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador.

Japanese circles believe the situation is not so bad for Japan, especially since many political manoeuvres are still possible with Washington on the one side and Paris and London on the other.—Havas.

UDHAM SINGH COMMITTED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

UDHAM SINGH, CHARGED YESTERDAY WITH THE MURDER OF SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER, WAS REMANDED UNTIL TO-DAY FOR FORMAL COMMITTAL TO OLD BAILEY.

A gun expert stated in evidence that the blackening around the bullet holes in Sir Michael O'Dwyer's coat proved that the weapon was fired at close range—less than nine inches.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury described the wounds received by Sir Michael and said one bullet passed through the heart.

Cause of death was loss of blood due to passage of a bullet through the chest and abdomen.—Reuter.

R.A.F. PLANES OVER WESTERN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency's war commentary states that British aircraft flew over western Germany on Sunday night.

In London, the Air Ministry confirmed the report, adding that all the British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

NATIONAL SERVICE IN INDIA

New Delhi, To-day.

The Central Assembly has passed a bill providing for national service for all European Britons in India.

It will bring them more or less into line with Britons in the United Kingdom as far as service with His Majesty's Forces during the war is concerned.—Reuter.

AGED JUDGE PASSES

Capetown, To-day.

The death has occurred of Sir Johnhot Hotze, former Judge of the Union Appeal Court and also formerly Chief Justice of the South African Republic (Transvaal). He was 91.—Reuter.

COMPLETE PLANNING OF LABOUR SUPPLIES IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

A COMPLETE CHECK-UP on Britain's wartime industry is to be prepared by an order made by the Ministry of Supply under the defence regulations, which requires all factories to make returns regarding their labour and production.

Returns will be required at intervals.

The first, due to be rendered on or before April 10, will relate to the first week in April. It will cover the engineering, motor-vehicle and aircraft and shipbuilding and repairing industries.

Other industries will be dealt with in subsequent returns.

TO BE KEPT SECRET

As the information collected will reveal the rate at which war industries are expanding, and would therefore be of great interest to Germany, the results will not be made public.

The Ministry aims at the complete planning of labour supplies in factories for war requirements.

The returns will serve three main purposes. They will provide information about the proportion of labour in certain vital industries which is employed on production for the war effort or in the export trade or for the home market, respectively.

It will also yield valuable information as to the distribution of skilled labour among various industries and will be of value to area supply boards in dealing with problems arising in the planning of production.—Reuter.

NAZIS TRY ANOTHER DODGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Since the German White Book on the cause of the war, charging Britain and the United States with fostering it, has been called false by the American Government, the Nazis are now trying to prove its accuracy.

They propose to do this by submitting reports to neutral journals, and the latter, turned experts overnight, are to deliver their verdict.—Havas.

NORWEGIAN STATEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AUTHORIZED COMMENT FROM LOCAL NORWEGIAN QUARTERS POINTS OUT THAT OVER NINETENTHS OF THE EXPORTS OF SWEDISH IRON-ORE COULD PROBABLY BE SENT DIRECTLY FROM THE SWEDISH PORT OF LULEA, NEAR THE TOP OF THE GULF OF BOTHNIA, INSTEAD OF USING THE NORWEGIAN PORT OF NARVIK AS IN THE PAST.

These same circles emphasize the transit of Swedish iron-ore via Narvik benefits Britain as well as Germany.

In fact, exports of Swedish iron-ore to Britain exceeded the same exports to Germany.

They conclude by stressing that Norway permitted this transit without discrimination as to its destinations, thereby strictly abiding by her obligations as a neutral state.—Havas.

REYNAUD TO BROADCAST TO AMERICA TO-MORROW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The radio talk to America which the French Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, was unable to deliver on Saturday night owing to atmospheric conditions will now be broadcast to-morrow at 11 p.m. G.M.T.—Havas.

TAXATION MEASURE IN THE F.M.S.

SINGAPORE, TO-DAY.

THE FEDERATED MALAY STATES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A BILL COVERING WAR TAXATION, INTENDED TO CONTRIBUTE OVER £1,000,000 TOWARDS THE WAR.

Rubber and tin export duties have been raised by 2½ per cent, but the bill will not affect companies incorporated in Britain. Fresh duties and taxes are imposed, among other things, on entertainment, stocks and shares, and telegrams.

The bill comes into effect immediately and may be renewed at the end of 1940.

The Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements is expected to approve a similar bill to-day.—Reuter.

CALM AT THE FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

CALM HAS BEEN RESTORED, POSSIBLY TEMPORARILY ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

On Sunday, the air was as calm as a summer breeze, and the German radio accordingly announced two mock air battles, in which "several French planes met their doom."

This story, semi-official circles in Paris comment, is of the same calibre as last week's account of how Germany sank most of the British merchant marine.

It is thought probable that such stupid German "newscasts" are really intended to draw a detailed reply which would supply the Nazis with information which they do not possess.—Havas.

ALLIED PROPAGANDA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

M. Frossard, France's new Minister of Information, and who is incidentally a journalist, arrived yesterday and was received by Sir John Reith, his British counterpart.

Last night, they were both guests at a dinner in the French Embassy. M. Frossard will also be seeing Lord Halifax and Mr. Churchill, and will also visit Broadcasting House, headquarters of the BBC.

Commenting on the visit, "The Times" says: "It is of the greatest importance that the news services of the two countries should be allied as closely as possible."

It would also be useful, the paper continues, to adjust their principles in the matter of censorship.—Havas.

NOT INTERESTED IN MR. CHURCHILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

No particular attention is paid to Mr. Churchill's speech by the Italian press, save a somewhat ironic treatment of his references to Italy.

M. Molotov's speech is considered generally by the Italian press as equivocal, circumspect and ambiguous.—Havas.

AVIATION FUELS CORNERED

London, To-day.

The important advantage which the Allies have over Germany, thanks to their unlimited access to the highest grade aviation fuels, is the subject of an article in the official trade journal "Petroleum Press Service."

It is pointed out that until recently the fuel most widely used both by civil and military aircraft had an octane, or measure of anti-knock value, rating of around 87 but there was now a rapidly growing tendency to use hundred-octane spirit.

This enables the compression ratio of the engine to be increased and therefore raises the output of power; 87 octane spirit is generally obtained by the addition of small quantities of tetraethyl lead to good quality "straight-run" petrol and the view is expressed that Germany is unlikely to suffer from a shortage of this grade of fuel.

But if, as is probable, the Allies eventually resort to the almost exclusive use of 100 octane fuels, Germany's problem will be more difficult for there are definite technical limits to the use of lead "dope," the only practicable way of producing 100 octane spirit being to employ high quality blending agents such as "mixed octanes."

Seven or eight plants for the manufacture of this vital blending material, with an aggregate capacity of about 100,000 tons per annum are now in operation or under construction in Germany. This will be sufficient for the production of about 220,000 tons of 100 octane aviation petrol—a total which it might be possible to raise to 400,000 tons by the end of 1941 if adequate quantities of other high-octane blending agents, such as isopropyl and ether, could be spared for the purpose.

But, as Germany's military consumption of aircraft fuel was already 150,000 tons in 1938, and since the total supply of petrol is limited and big hydrogenation plants are vulnerable to air attack, her prospects would not appear to be enviable on the basis of existing knowledge. — British Wireless.

STONECUTTERS' MEN IN FIGHT

A free-for-all occurred at the Jordan Road Ferry at 5 p.m. yesterday when over 10 men employed by the Military authorities on Stonecutters' Island were involved in a mob fight.

It is alleged that when one of the men, Li Wah, disembarked from the military launch at the Jordan Road Ferry, two other military employees who were waiting near the ferry attacked him. Friends of the attacked man rushed to his aid and a free-for-all resulted.

Li Wah and one of the two original attackers were sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the fight. One man was arrested.

ARMY OFFICER'S LOSS

Lieutenant Bateman, residing at No. 100, Waterloo Road, reports that while on his way to the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday he either lost or had stolen a purse containing some \$650.

A 40-year-old shop fook, Cheng Sing, of No. 28, Graham Street, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital after falling from a tricycle in Tai Hang Road yesterday. He died after admission.

GODOWN CO. MEETING

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE OF THE COLONY

"THE VICIOUS CIRCLE OF ever-increasing costs may make it impossible for us to stay where we are," said Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., held in Jardine's board room at noon to-day.

The chairman said:—

The profit on working for 1939 was \$1,593,938.07 compared with \$2,241,612.24 the previous year, a decrease of \$647,674.17, or nearly 29 per cent. 1938 however was a record year and earnings abnormal; the figure now before you is well above normal as the average working profit over the ten years 1928 to 1937 was \$1,015,812.

Rates and taxes account for 1939 was \$137,052.59, an increase over 1938 of \$58,410.32 or 74 per cent. Rates and taxes are calculated by Government on the receipts and expenses method and this explains the large increase during 1939. Earnings for 1939 were down by \$772,480.47 or 18.5 per cent. Working expenses were down by \$124,807.30 or 6.5 per cent.

The cost of fuel and stores for launches, cranes etc. has increased very considerably; the cost of repairs and general upkeep is also much higher at present than it has been for some years. Government may shortly institute an additional tax on profits of companies such as ours, and this will have to be met out of earnings. To make provision for this a larger amount than is customary has been carried forward in the accounts.

It has always been the policy of the company to keep all our rates as low as possible in order to encourage the trade of the port which consists mainly of transit business. The vicious circle of ever-increasing costs may make it impossible for us to stay where we are.

EFFECTS OF THE WAR

You will remember that last year the chairman referred to the shipping situation in America when no regular American vessels visited the port between October 21 and December 2, 1938. I am happy to say that during the past year the service of American vessels to Hong Kong has been resumed and we can expect an increase in trans-Pacific cargoes.

The result of the declaration of war in September last was a considerable decrease in arrivals and cargo in November, due to the temporary cessation of shipping from Europe and other parts of the world while adjustments to war-time conditions were made. At the end of the year, however, arrivals and tonnages had returned to normal and there seems a reasonable chance that traffic will hold up.

The shortage of storage space continues and at present we have very little working space.

During the year under review, we were able to cope with all demands on our storage space but not without the greatest difficulty, and congestion in godowns is again acute. The provision of additional storage space is therefore of great importance and is receiving the careful consideration of your directors.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

Last year the chairman reported the start of a building programme and this is being carried out as rapidly as possible:—

The coole quarters were finished just after the end of the year, were officially opened by H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, on February 3, 1940, and were occupied by the Coolies on February 5. I feel sure the better housing of our Coolies will have satisfactory results.

The new six-storeyed godown is well under way; the first three floors are practically completed and two of these floors are completely occupied.

Demolition of No. 3 Wharf has commenced and we are proceeding as rapidly as possible with the construction of the new one which will be 600' x 50' as against 500' x 37' for the old wharf.

TEMPORARY DELAY

When war broke out in September last, fortunately the contracts for all the equipment for the new godown had been concluded, and all the steel for the coole quarters, new godown and the wharf had arrived or was en route. It was obvious that if the work were not proceeded with the ultimate costs of the development would be far in excess of the present figures and so we decided to proceed with work which was in hand or contemplated. There was an exception to this rule, however: arrangements for more efficient passenger facilities at No. 1 Wharf have been temporarily postponed. The delay is only temporary and is due to decreased passenger traffic.

In these days of uncertainty, one thing at least seems clear, we have to provide storage and to do this it is necessary generally to adhere to our building programme, replacing old buildings with modern and giving clients those facilities they receive elsewhere and properly expect. During the lean years we clung to many of the older godowns which now are uneconomic; some have been replaced but more remains to be done, and fortunately the company's financial position allows us to replace essentials. One more transit shed and two six-storeyed godowns will be built this year.

SECONDARY SPEECH

The secondary speech read:—
I have much pleasure in rising to second

the adoption of the report and accounts for the year 1939 which has been proposed by your chairman, but before doing so I should like to refer to the death of Mr. P. M. Hodgson who seconded the report and accounts last year and whose recent death has deprived the Colony of one of its oldest and most respected Members. I am sure the sympathy of all of us goes out to his widow and daughter.

Once again I think we have to express our thanks to the directors, management and staff for the very successful results of the year's working.

It must have been patent to all shareholders during the course of last year that the results, which would be placed before them at this meeting, could not be expected to be as good as those for the year 1938, as the latter to a large degree were brought about by the very abnormal conditions which existed during that year.

During the year in question trade from this company's point of view must have been extremely difficult; first of all due to the almost complete blockade of China's coastal ports by the Japanese and during the last three months of the year under review by the outbreak of war in Europe, and I think therefore that all shareholders must be extremely satisfied that the accounts show a substantial surplus over the average for the ten years 1928 to 1937.

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE

It is also a matter for congratulation that the directors still intend to continue with their building programme for further modern and up-to-date godowns.

It is obvious that no company can stand still, it must either go forward or backwards and the building programme, to which the chairman has referred, shows that the directors have full confidence in the future of this Colony, which I am sure is shared by all of us, and also that they have every intention not only of maintaining the position of this Company but of enhancing it.

It is also a matter of congratulation, I think, that storage rates, despite increased working expenses, have been maintained at their previous low figures and it is hoped that the directors will be able to maintain these rates as long as possible.

The appointment of Mr. A. H. Penn as a director was confirmed, and Messrs. Lawrence Kadoorie, J. H. Jessen, T. B. Wilson and H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected directors. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a fee of \$1,500 each.

"DEATH SENTENCE" ON HOLDING COMPANIES

New York, March 1.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has begun to put into force the "death sentence" provision of the Holding Company Act. It has ordered two of the nine largest public utility company holding systems in the country to show cause why they should not be reorganized in accordance with the Act. These are the Electric Bond and Share Company and the Engineers Public Service Company, the largest and smallest respectively of the country's nine major public utility systems. The commission expects to serve a similar order against the other seven companies within the next few weeks.

The purpose of the Act is to force a simplification of the corporate structures of these aggregations, and, by bringing about a reintegration according to geographical lines, do away with what is in effect the remote control of many enterprises. This "unscrambling" process involves systems having altogether more than \$14,000,000,000 worth of assets.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains over the Pacific to the east of Japan and another appears to be forming over Mongolia. The depression over Indo-China has increased in intensity and another is probably moving eastward across Manchuria.

REALTY AND TRUST CO. MEETING

A DECREASE OF OVER \$10,000 ON THE BALANCE OF WORKING ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE COMPARATIVE REVENUE REDUCTION ON THE REPULSE BAY LIDO, BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE LATENESS IN THE START OF THE PAST SUMMER SEASON AND THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WHICH AROSE IN AUGUST LAST, WAS MENTIONED BY MR. T. E. PEARCE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY LIMITED THIS MORNING.

Supporting the chairman were Messrs. E. M. Raymond, John Fleming and P. K. Kwok, Mr. J. H. Taggart, managing director, and Mr. F. C. Barry, secretary, and other shareholders present were Messrs. P. H. C. Suckling, M. Eca, W. C. Clarke and Lo Chung-wan.

After the adoption of the report and balance sheet Messrs. E. M. Raymond and J. Fleming were re-elected directors and Messrs. Linstead and Davis auditors for the coming year.

Mr. Pearce said:—The profit for the year amounted to \$82,390.45, which, added to the amount of \$26,855.88 brought forward from the preceding year, makes the sum of \$109,246.33 and a dividend of forty cents per share.

The profit for 1939 decreased, by some \$12,000.—on comparison with the previous year. The credit items show an increase of over \$5,000.—in the Investments earnings and a decrease of over \$10,000.—on the Balance of Working Account figure. The latter is accounted for by the comparative revenue reduction on the Repulse Bay Lido operation, brought about by the lateness in the start of the past Summer season and the International situation which arose in August last, causing a considerable curtailment of the patronage that ordinarily would have been accorded the establishment. On the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account the only item appearing to call for particular explanation is that of "Raft and Moorings" in the sum of \$8,354.75, written off. The "Lido Lady" was wrecked in the typhoon of the 23rd November last and the hull was sold as the repair costs were considered prohibitive; I would add that it never has been possible to obtain Insurance cover against any risk other than that of total loss so the rehabilitation expense would not have been recoverable.

In the Balance Sheet you will observe various capital accretions to the Lido Buildings, Furniture, Fixtures and Machinery; the major portion of this expenditure was incurred in connection with an extension to the Lido Restaurant.

EXTENSION TO LIDO

"Investments at Cost" appear, at practically the same figure as recorded in the previously issued Balance Sheet; on comparison with the market value thereof at the end of last year, a deficit of over eight lakhs is revealed, but a marked appreciation in values this year has resulted in a recovery of over two lakhs of this difference at date. On the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet you will notice an increase in the Overdraft of \$13,000.—which in the light of the dividend payment of \$80,000.—and the capital expenditure effected in the course of the past year, cannot be considered unsatisfactory.

The extension to the Lido Restaurant was necessary in order to permit of the proper accommodation of patrons at certain rush periods, a position which never had been possible before. The opportunity was therefore taken of making an attractive dining room replete with all facilities for evening entertainment, and the result is, I feel sure, worthy of public support. With the provision of some further improvements—including air conditioning—the Restaurant should draw increasing patronage in the course of the coming Summer.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

JAPAN LOOKS SOUTHEAST

Americans will take as keen notice of Japan's denunciation of its arbitration treaty with the Netherlands as will the Dutch. This is another move in the game of treaty abrogation which began when the United States denounced its trade treaty of 1911 with Japan.

Denunciation of the Netherlands pact takes place in time to influence American opinion on the question of embargoes against Japan. It can be read as a warning that if Japanese supplies from the United States are cut off, Japan may seek supplies in the Netherlands Indies, with the sword if need be. Officially addressed to the Netherlands, it is also intended for American ears. Its message is that United States opposition to Japan in China may prove costly to the United States' friends in the Far East, especially the weaker ones. In this case the United States might find Japanese power athwart American trade routes and in an area containing raw materials vital to American power.

American diplomacy all along has been cognizant of such possibilities. This fact partly explains the caution with which American Far Eastern policy is developing.

However, Japan in the Netherlands East Indies would be operating at long range, under many consequent military and naval disadvantages. And these islands are not undefended. Even should Germany overrun the Netherlands in a Spring drive—and this possibility may in part account for Japan's new move—the East Indies would not be left wide open to attack. They possess an independent defence organization which need not draw on the Netherlands for supplies. American national interests are so obviously present in the picture that Japan must reckon also with the possibility of American intervention. Denunciation of the arbitration pact does stand, however, as a serious development in an increasingly serious situation. — "Christian Science Monitor."

AMERICA IN THE ORIENT

With Europe at war, it is the United States that holds the balance of power in the Far East, and what this country does in the next few months will determine the history of Asia for the next 500 years. Dr. No-Yong Park told the San Diego Open Forum.

The United States has three main courses open with regard to the Sino-Japanese conflict, he said. It can pull out entirely, forget the Open Door, forget what Americans have said about Chinese territorial integrity, and come home for good. Second, it can continue to "weep for the plight of the poor Chinese," shipping side by side across the Pacific one vessel loaded with hospital supplies and relief money for Chinese wounded and homeless, and another ship loaded with raw materials for the Japanese for the purpose of wounding and rendering homeless more Chinese. Or, third, it can see that its legislators follow the majority personal opinion in this country and stop a few business men

from making money out of the flow of blood in China."

"If America should take the latter course," said Dr. Park, "it would mean the collapse of the military in Japan. It would mean the peace-loving, fine people of Japan I have known and loved would have a chance to overthrow the governmental machine now in power and make it possible for the Chinese and Japanese to live in neighbourly peace." — Los Angeles Times.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE

I commend to those who are thinking of the ultimate peace that the chance for civilisation in Europe to come back again may depend upon America. If we are to be of service we will need to conserve both our economic and spiritual strength.

We in our indignation at wrong and aggression must of be led into blind hates against whole nations. The great masses of the German people and the Russian people are not responsible for the wars now going on. The vast majority of both these nations are gentle and decent people who pray for peace as do you and I. If we have not been enveloped in the poisonous air of hate, and if we are ready to help Europe defeat famine and pestilence, we might also exert a saving and constructive voice at the peace table. — Herbert Hoover in an address before the Overseas Press Club of America.

THE FACTS

In one notable instance—that of the Hull reciprocal trade treaties which are seeking to reduce artificial governmental barriers to the flow of international commerce—the Republicans in Congress are reported to be almost a unit in opposition. Here most of them seem to want not only to retain existing barriers but to build them higher, if not, indeed, to make them prohibitive.

Their reply, no doubt, would be that they are seeking barriers only on foreign and not on American trade; but this reply will not hold water. If the volume of foreign imports is further restricted and their price raised, several effects on American business are inevitable. American consumers must pay more for some of the things they need; American manufacturers must pay more for some of their raw materials. The result must be to raise their expense of doing business, and to restrict the market for their product because of higher prices, if they attempt to pass this added price on to the consumer.

HIGHER UNITY

At the end of the World War there was a vast liberation of oppressed nationalities in Europe—Poles, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Rumanians, and others. There were minor inequities, but, on the whole, there was national self-determination in Europe.

At the end of this war much of that work of liberation will have to be done afresh—to that inferno where Poles and Czechs are in torment, deliverance must come—but we must not stop short this time at national self-determination. There must be a grouping of free nations in a high unity. — Hugh Dalton, M.P.

And finally, since imports are ultimately the only means that the outside world has of paying for American goods (barring a certain amount of more unneeded and unwanted gold), we are bound to cut down our exports to the same extent as we cut down our imports. The result can only be to injure our farmers and manufacturers, and to create internal disequilibrium. — New York Times.

The True Estimate Must Be Much Greater Nazis Admit Fifty Per Cent. Of Foreign Trade Wiped Out

London, To-day.

THE MEETING OF THE Supreme War Council on Friday and Mr. Winston Churchill's speech on Saturday are both regarded in the British Press as evidence that the Allies have something up their sleeve.

Papers as divergent as the "Daily Telegraph," "Daily Mail," "News Chronicle" and "Manchester Guardian" see in the two indications that Britain is about to take action to tighten the blockade. None of their views are officially confirmed and each has its own pet theory of how this is to be achieved.

Most of the papers agree that something further is to be done to put an end to the iron-ore traffic to Germany in Norwegian territorial waters, and attempts to reduce supplies through the Balkan countries are also forecast.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that diplomatic quarters in London consider that Mr. Churchill's speech confirmed the impression that the Supreme War Council meeting decided last week that the war should be conducted with greater intensity.

NAZI RETALIATION

There are suggestions in the British Press that the Allies are to enter on more active economic work in south-east Europe. There are indications that the German reply might be intensified military activity, possibly on land but more probably in the air. If they do, they will find the Allies well prepared.

The question of British preparedness is dealt with by "The Times," which says that despite frost, snow and illnesses in the winter, the army to-day is fit. The absence of fighting in France allowed more experience N.C.O.s to be used for training than might otherwise have been possible.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments that if the neutral countries are not equal to the task of safeguarding themselves against submission to the Reich, the Allies must ensure their territories in leaving no means for an evasion of the blockade.—Reuter.

EFFECT OF THE BLOCKADE

New York, To-day.
The Allied blockade may have been under-estimated in foreign countries, but not in Germany, comments the "New York Times."

Semi-official quarters in Germany, says the paper, admitted in February that the Allied blockade had wiped out half of Germany's foreign trade.

If the Germans admit so much, one can suspect that the true estimate is much greater.

The paper expects that the Allies will find extensive complications with the neutrals confronting them when they extend the blockade, but comments that neither London nor Paris seems to be alarmed at the prospect.—Reuter.

HALF TRADE GONE

New York, To-day.
The "New York Times" says semi-official sources in Germany admitted in February the Allied blockade had wiped out 50 per cent. of German foreign trade.

Even from friendly Japan, Germany's imports in the first four months of war were down to eight per cent. of normal.

If the Germans admit so much, says the newspaper, one can suspect the true extent of the damage has been greater.—Reuter.

CZECH VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

The first Czech volunteer force recruited in Britain will be leaving shortly for service in France.

They will receive French army rates of pay, but while they are being assimilated they will keep the ranks they held in the old Czech army.

Immediately war broke out, many Czechs in Britain volunteered for service; they were registered with the Czech National Committee in London.—Reuter.

NORTH EUROPE AND THE BALKANS ARE MAIN GAPS IN THE ALLIED BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

MEASURES FOR CARRYING out the decisions of last week's meeting of the Supreme War Council are still receiving the close attention of competent authorities and in particular early steps for joint action in tightening up the blockade are understood to be under consideration.

In certain quarters extravagant reports have been current. One stated that an Allied naval force would be employed to police neutral waters. Another report declared that, in order to prevent the use of territorial waters by merchantmen engaged in carrying to Germany Swedish iron ore vital to her war effort, a naval base would actually be established on the Norwegian coast.

As already announced these reports are entirely erroneous. Each of them was yesterday the subject of a categorical denial in official circles.

STOPPING GAPS

Meanwhile the whole field of economic warfare is being thoroughly surveyed with a view to stopping such gaps in the blockade of Germany as continue.

Measures taken in regard to one of these gaps was revealed in last week's announcements of the seizure of ships in the Pacific en route for Vladivostok with valuable cargoes of minerals destined eventually for Germany.

The Balkan countries also still represent a source of enemy supplies and it may be assumed that when consultations with the British Ministers in these countries take place in London in the near future this question, as well as political issues, will be fully examined.

ACTION IN THE NORTH

Public attention here and elsewhere has, however, been mainly directed towards Germany's continuing trade with the Northern European countries and action to tighten up the blockade there has already been taken.

Despite the protection of neutral territorial waters transport has been

NAZIS AGAIN VIOLATE BELGIAN NEUTRALITY

Brussels, To-day.

German warplanes flew over Belgian territory again yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND PROVISIONAL CABINET

Wellington, To-day.

The Governor-General of New Zealand has appointed Mr. Peter Fraser as Prime Minister. Mr. Fraser has formed a Provisional Cabinet which will remain in office until he has had time to consult the Labour Party.

The Provisional Cabinet is almost exactly the same as the Cabinet under the late Mr. Savage. Fraser was acting Prime Minister during Mr. Savage's illness.—Reuter.

SUSPICIOUS ALIENS IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary announces the appointment of regional advisory committees to consider the case of Germans and Austrians resident in Britain who have been exempted from internment by local tribunals but whom the police have grounds for thinking a review of the case is desirable. The committees will be presided over by King's Counsel.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. SPECIALISTS IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, To-day.

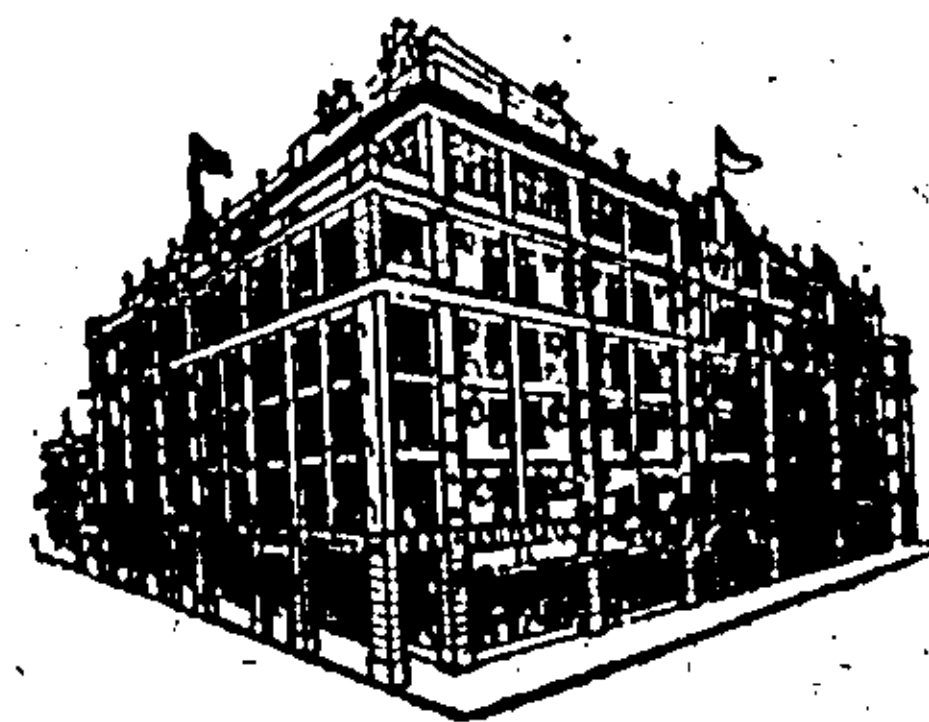
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Australian Minister for Air, announces that 48 specialists from the R.A.F. have arrived to help in the Empire air training scheme.

Seventeen are officers who specialise in armaments, engineering, signals and equipment.—Reuter.

SYDNEY CHEERS THE NAVY

Sydney, To-day.

Large crowds turned out yesterday to cheer 1,200 naval men who marched through the streets. The Governor-General took the salute.—Reuter.



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PATROL WAR FINDS A NEW TECHNIQUE

The Germans, after many months of futile attempts have captured some British prisoners from an outpost on the Western Front.

These attacks, designed especially to obtain prisoners, are carried out by special storm troops dressed in leather jackets and armed with sub-machine-guns—the gangster weapon.

First their artillery put down a smoke screen, and this is followed by a box barrage of shell fire with the object of cutting out one of our posts. Next comes a clever "lift" in the

night.

The opportunity of taking British prisoners for identification purposes seemed good, but every attempt was repulsed, and for a while the Germans gave up trying.

One of the lessons the new B.E.F. have learned is that all platoon posts must be made ready for all-round defence. It is not enough to put your barbed wire out in front; an enemy patrol in such a vast "no man's land" may attack even from the rear, so each post must be a self-contained fortress surrounded by wire far enough out to prevent the throwing of those heavy stick bombs which are still greatly favoured by the Germans.

The German Army, like our own, have not been wasting their time during the winter. They have expanded and formed large numbers of freshly trained soldiers into new divisions. These men are sent up into the Siegfried Line, not to hold it but to make a sort of "Cook's tour" to gain experience. They go out on patrol with other seasoned troops who have been in the line for six weeks or more and know the country.

This country, remember, does not resemble that of the last war. In some sectors the Allies are holding covering positions to a depth of several miles, while the Germans occupy zones at least five miles deep.

Of course, these are in front of the Maginot and Siegfried Lines respectively. They form a huge "no man's land," with deep outpost zones (ligne de contact) on either side and lines of resistance (ligne de recueil) farther back, supported by batteries belonging to the permanent fortifications.

In parts of this terrain there are villages and many deserted buildings. (Continued on Page 11)

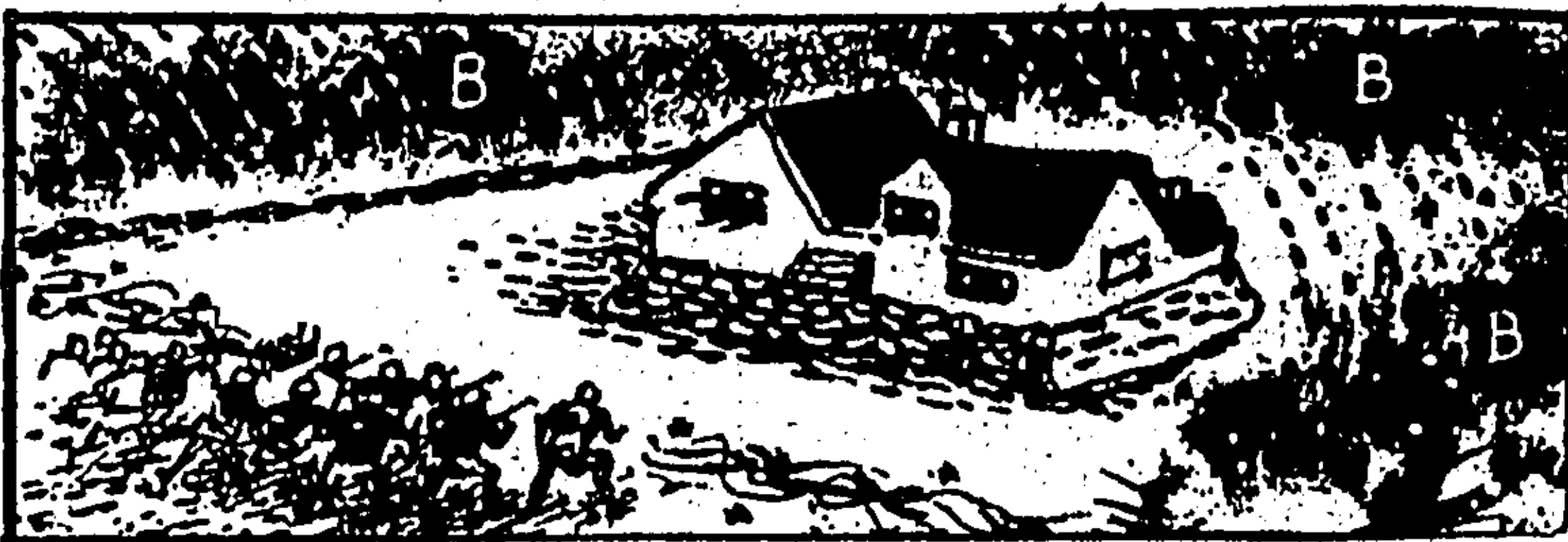
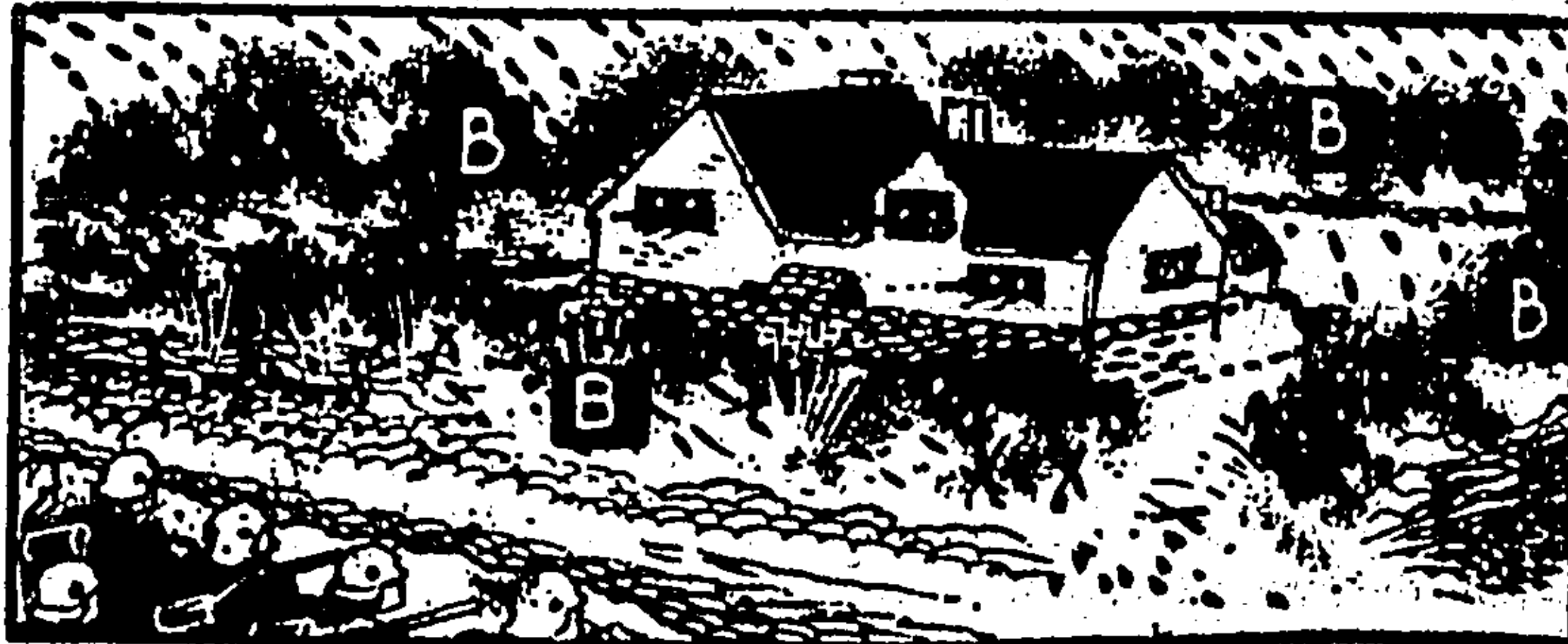
By
LT.-COL.
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centre of the barrage, and at a given signal, troops which had crept up close to the post rush forward.

The whole plan is cleverly executed, but there can be an effective counter-move. The platoon commander in charge of the post may not be able, because of the smoke screen, to see anything, but from the sound of the bursting shells he can guess what is happening. He therefore gives the centre of that box barrage everything he knows. Not many Germans then can reach even the fringes of his barbed wire.

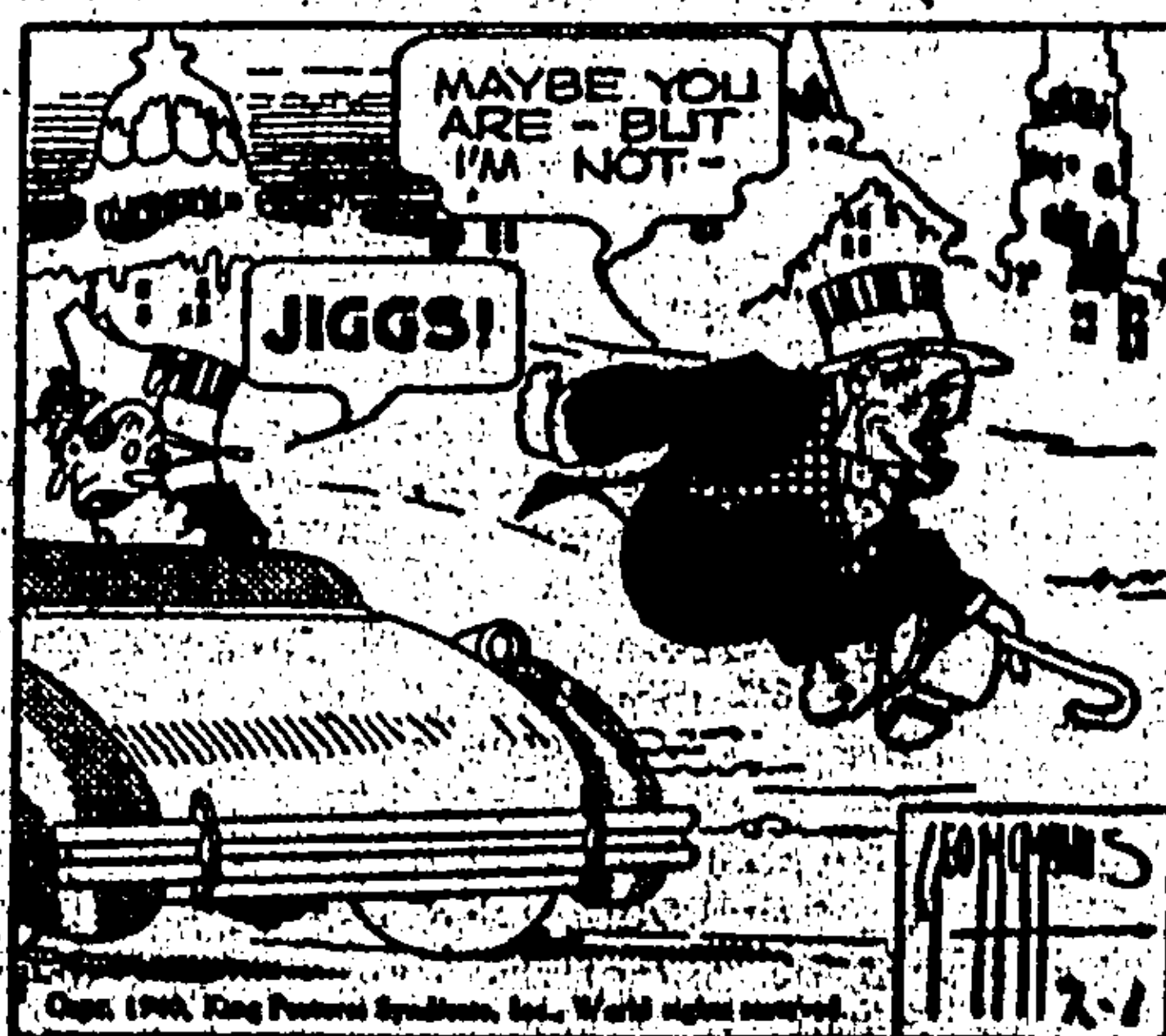
During the first week the B.E.F. held a sector of the front line there was no moon, and the blackness of the woods at night made it difficult to distinguish German patrols. The German division opposite had been in the line for some time, and knew the ground so well that their patrols could find their way about on the darkest

--And This Is How They Storm An Outpost --



First the shell barrage (B) forms a complete "box" or square (top sketch) enclosing the post to be attacked. Then the front barrage nearest the attackers is lifted (lower sketch) to allow the waiting men to advance. The barrage is maintained on the other three sides of the square.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus



Canada's general elections took place on March 26, and the list of official candidates was cabled to Britain for distribution to the Canadian soldiers, who registered their votes. This picture shows men of Toronto Scottish Regt. voting at their barracks in England. (Copyright, Fox).

EXTRALITY OPPONENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Nanking, To-day.

One of the most important personalities in the new Wang Ching-wei "government" is Tang Liang-li, well-known journalist, historian and economist, considered one of the best commentators on Sun Yat-sen's works and an expert on Chinese modern history. A former adviser to the Foreign Office and editor of the "People's Tribune," he is a close friend of Wang.

It is understood he will play a prominent part in the Nanking regime's foreign policy. Tang is 40 years old and has studied in London and Vienna. He is a Fellow of the Royal Economic Society and an ardent advocate of the suppression of all unequal treaties and foreign concessions.—Havas.

PATROL WAR FINDS A NEW TECHNIQUE

(Continued from Page 10)

Sometimes the Germans shut up dogs in these buildings to give notice of the approach of patrols. These animals are untrained. Other dogs of the Alsatian type the Germans use to lead their patrols, not to the enemy's posts but between them, on important night reconnaissances.

All the old soldiers with the B.E.F. agree that the Germans are cleverer than they were in the last war. They do not keep, sheeplike, to the same routine, using the same paths and tracks. They know their ground well and they are better led than they used to be.

German gunners also are more skilful than those of the last war. They do not shell the same places always at the same time.

The B.E.F. are fighting every day and — more especially — every night. The men are not having an easy time. Life in those outpost positions was unbelievably severe during the frost and snow but health remained good.

Young soldiers who make contact with an enemy profit by the experience. They come back grown men. But it is no tragedy for a soldier to grow old in a night. The extra sense of responsibility he has gained is a shield to himself and an asset to his country.

FORMIDABLE OBSTACLE TO WANG

London, To-day.

The "Yorkshire Post" yesterday devoted its main leading article to Japan's programme in China.

Unfortunately from the point of view of Wang Ching-wei and his Japanese sponsors, says the paper, there is still a formidable obstacle in their way — Chiang Kai-shek still remains in Chungking, and public support for him has been strengthened rather than weakened by the Japanese assault.

His army is still intact and well supplied and his guerilla bands still harass the Japanese.

Japan may talk about ending the "China Incident" and speak of "present disturbances," but she cannot hide from the world her anxiety. Despite Wang Ching-wei, the "Incident" threatens to be a drain on her resources and a serious embarrassment for her statesmen for many days to come. — Reuter.

BURGLARY AT GILMAN'S

A burglary at Gilman's showroom in Nathan Road in the early morning of March 29 had its sequel this morning before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon when Cheng Pan, 18, unemployed, was charged with breaking into the showroom and stealing radio-sets and a gramophone to the total value of \$725.

In connection with the case, a Portuguese youth, Alfredo John Marques Oliviera, 17, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was charged with receiving the stolen property and with assaulting a Chinese police constable in Woosung Street when the latter was executing his duty.

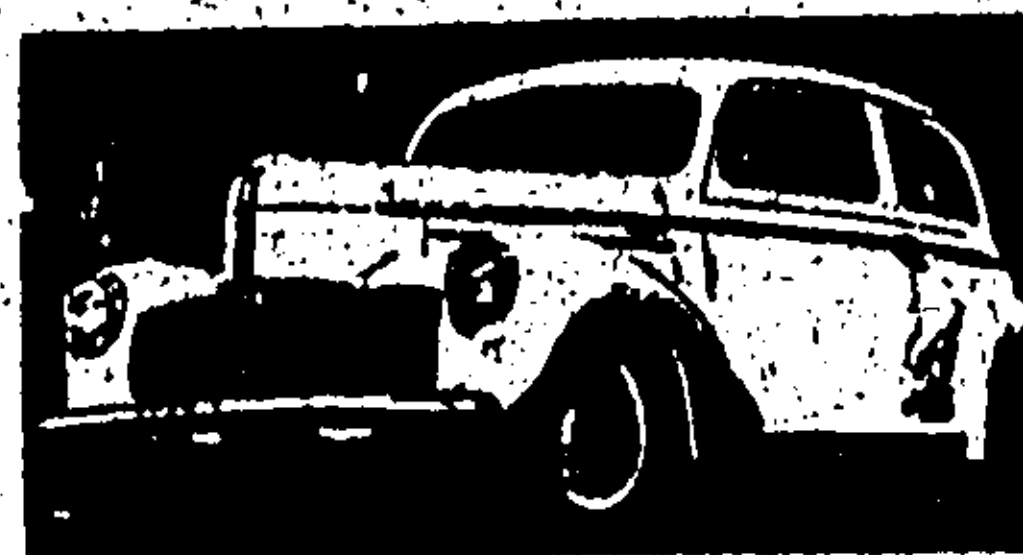
At the request of Det.-Sgt. Nolan, both accused were remanded 48 hours for further investigation.

Mr. R. Poinset, of No. 104, Sassoon Road, has reported that six iron window grills valued at \$28 were stolen from his garden early yesterday.

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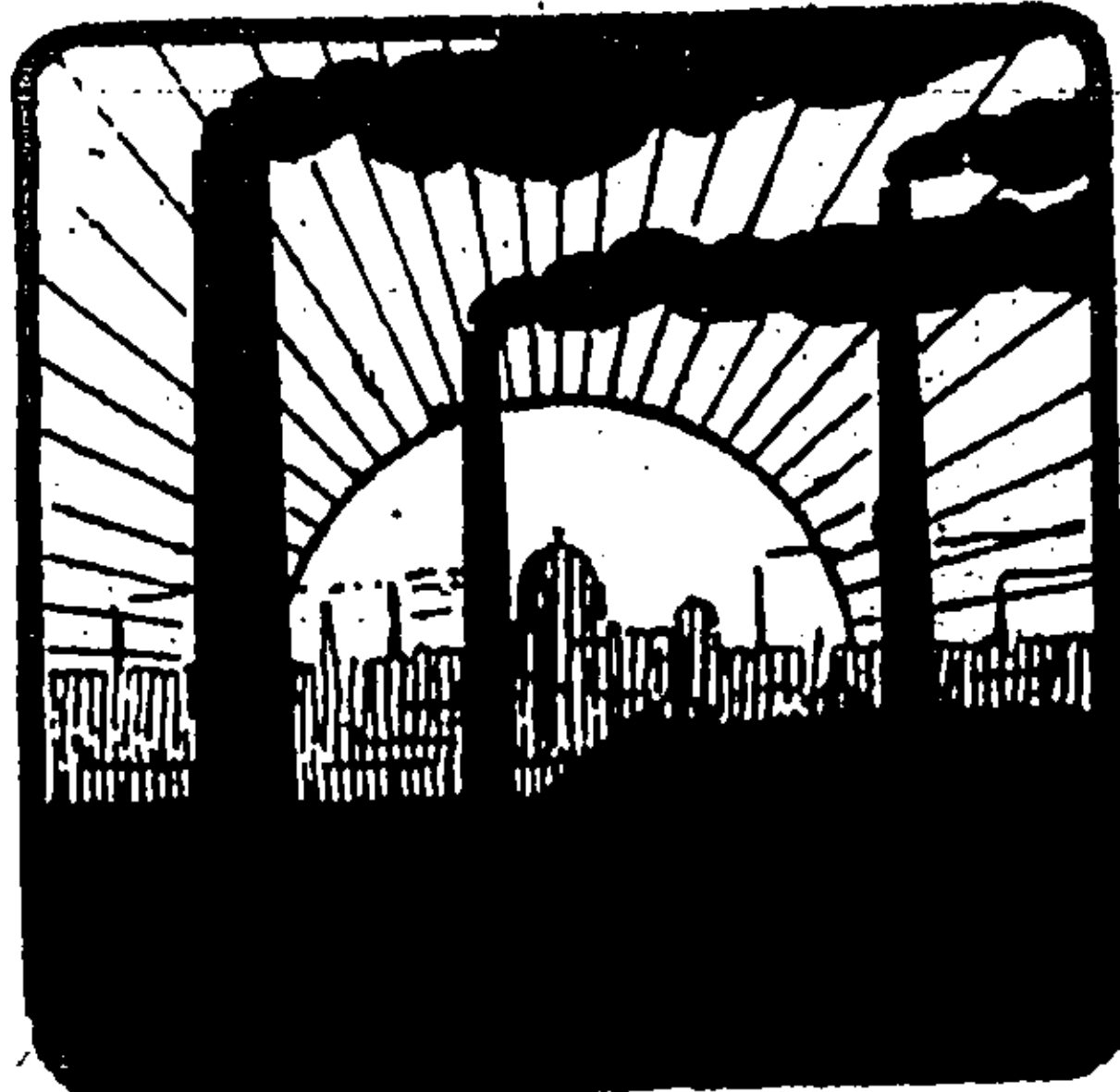


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PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE ALLIES

New York, To-day.

THE "NEW YORK TIMES" says the thirty-first Gallup Poll reveals "American sentiment is overwhelmingly behind the Allies after the first seven months of war."

"Eighty-four per cent. of those questioned wish for an Allied victory and the small group favouring Germany has been reduced from two per cent. to one per cent."

The period of comparison is six months.

One voter in every six says he is less sympathetic to the Allies than at the beginning of the war.

He feels the Allies are nearly as much to blame as Germany, or the Allies are not doing all they could, or the Allies did not do enough for Finland.

TWO TO ONE

Most frequently such criticisms are from the younger citizens between 21 and 30.

"But for every person who feels less sympathetic to the Allies nearly two persons they feel more sympathetic."

Those favouring the Allies are as follows:—

More sympathetic 28 per cent.
 Less sympathetic 17 per cent.
 The same 55 per cent.

—Reuter.

NAZI TACTICS DISLIKED

British Wireless says the factors mentioned as increasing the volume of support for the Allies were a growing dislike of Germany's war tactics and German treatment of Poland, and a growing realisation that England and France are fighting for principles important to America.

JAP. ARMADA REPORTED OFF AMOY

Seventy-three Japanese warships, including aircraft-carriers with some 200 planes, are assembled off Amoy, according to the "Wah Kiu Yat Pao," one of the leading Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong.

The paper adds that the warcraft arrived off Amoy on Sunday. There is no indication of the object of the Japanese measures.

tacks by German planes on Dutch fishingboats.

Owing to these attacks some fishermen are remaining in port until assured they will not be exposed to such perils. — Reuter.

PREMIER TO MAKE VITAL STATEMENT

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland is anxiously awaiting Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons to-day.

Political observers are of opinion that the tightening of the Allied blockade, which Mr. Chamberlain is expected to announce, will further add to the burdens of small nations.

Concern has been caused by reports from London that stricter control will be exercised on exports to neutral countries bordering on Germany.

NAZI ATTACKS

Meanwhile, last night's press published further accounts of recent at-

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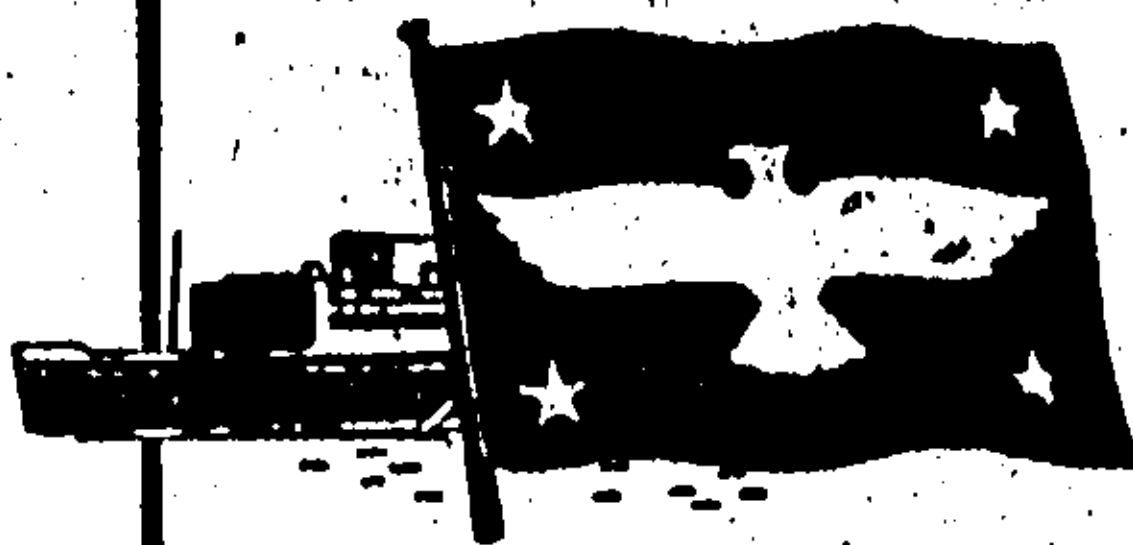
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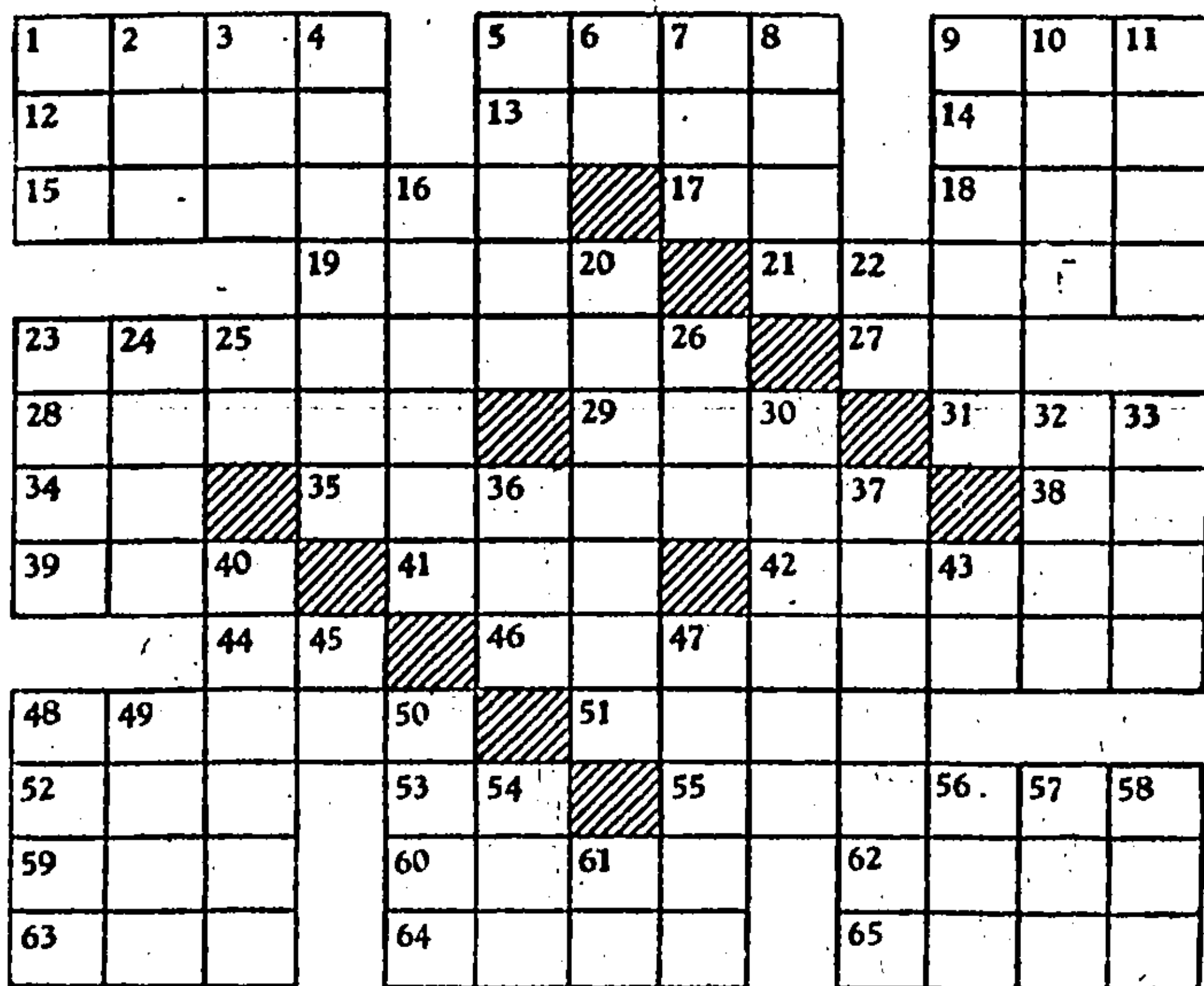
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- 27 Type measure
- 28 Occurrence
- 29 Pen point
- 31 Scotch: "two"
- 34 Symbol for tellurium
- 35 Gatherings
- 38 Indian mulberry
- 39 Unit of work
- 41 To regret
- 42 Eagle's nest
- 44 Negative
- 46 To weaken
- 48 On high
- 51 Large plant
- 52 Beverage
- 53 Hypothetical force

VERTICAL

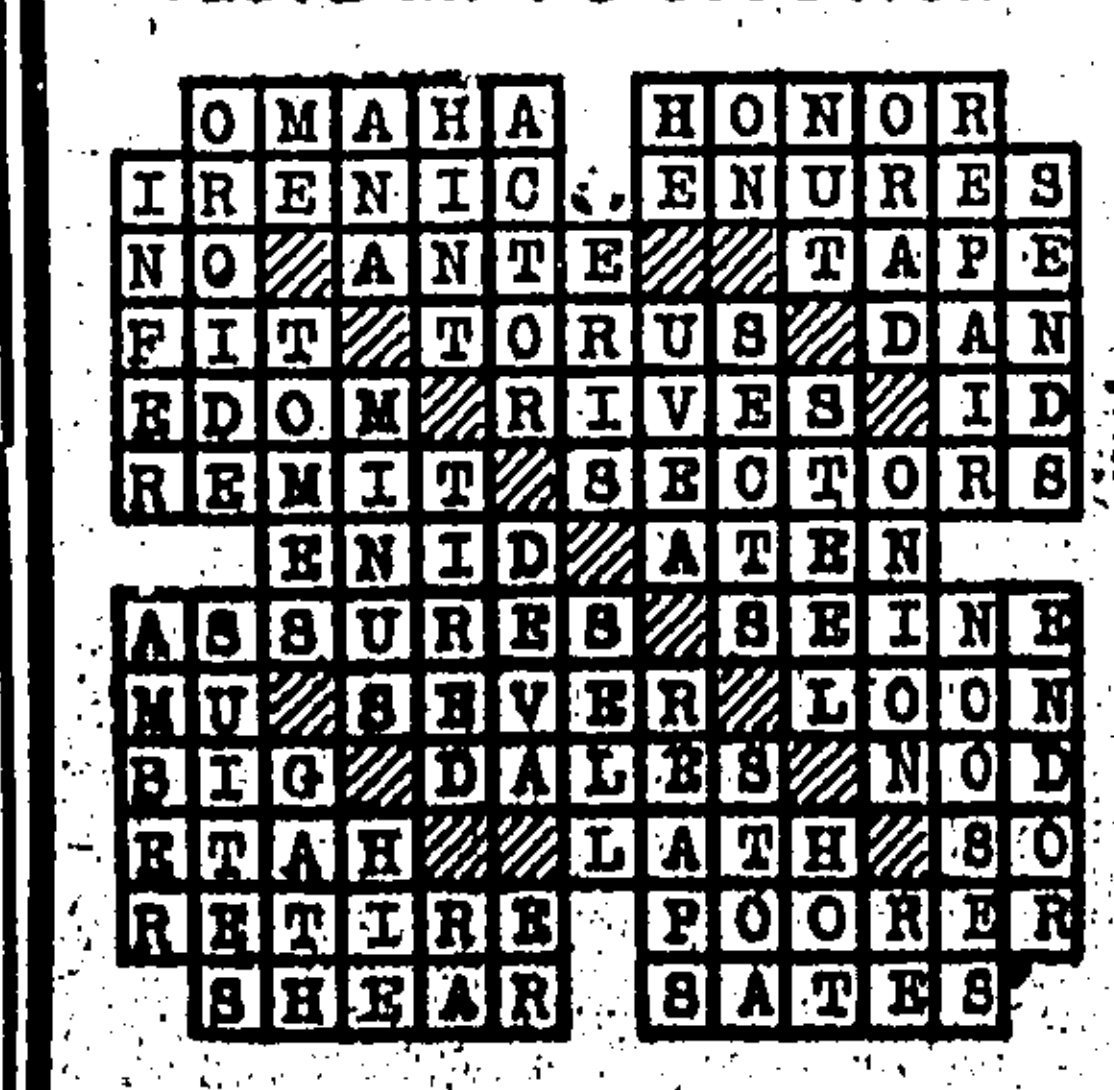
- 55 Skillful
- 59 Unit
- 60 Petitions
- 62 Competent
- 63 Part of "to-be"
- 64 Withered
- 65 Similar

VERTICAL

- 1 Newt
- 2 Conflict
- 3 Silkworm
- 4 Profits
- 5 One-celled animal
- 6 Else
- 7 Palm leaf

- 8 Slight depression
- 9 To be sorry for
- 10 An astringent
- 11 Ship's officer
- 16 Speaker
- 20 Merciful
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 Whale genus
- 24 Above
- 25 Pronoun
- 26 Body of water
- 30 Sounded loudly
- 32 To linger
- 33 On the sheltered side
- 36 Billiard stick
- 37 Varied
- 40 Elves
- 43 Egyptian deity
- 45 Belonging to
- 47 To rub out
- 48 In a line
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- 50 To cast
- 54 Owling
- 56 Japanese sash
- 57 Kind
- 58 Mound
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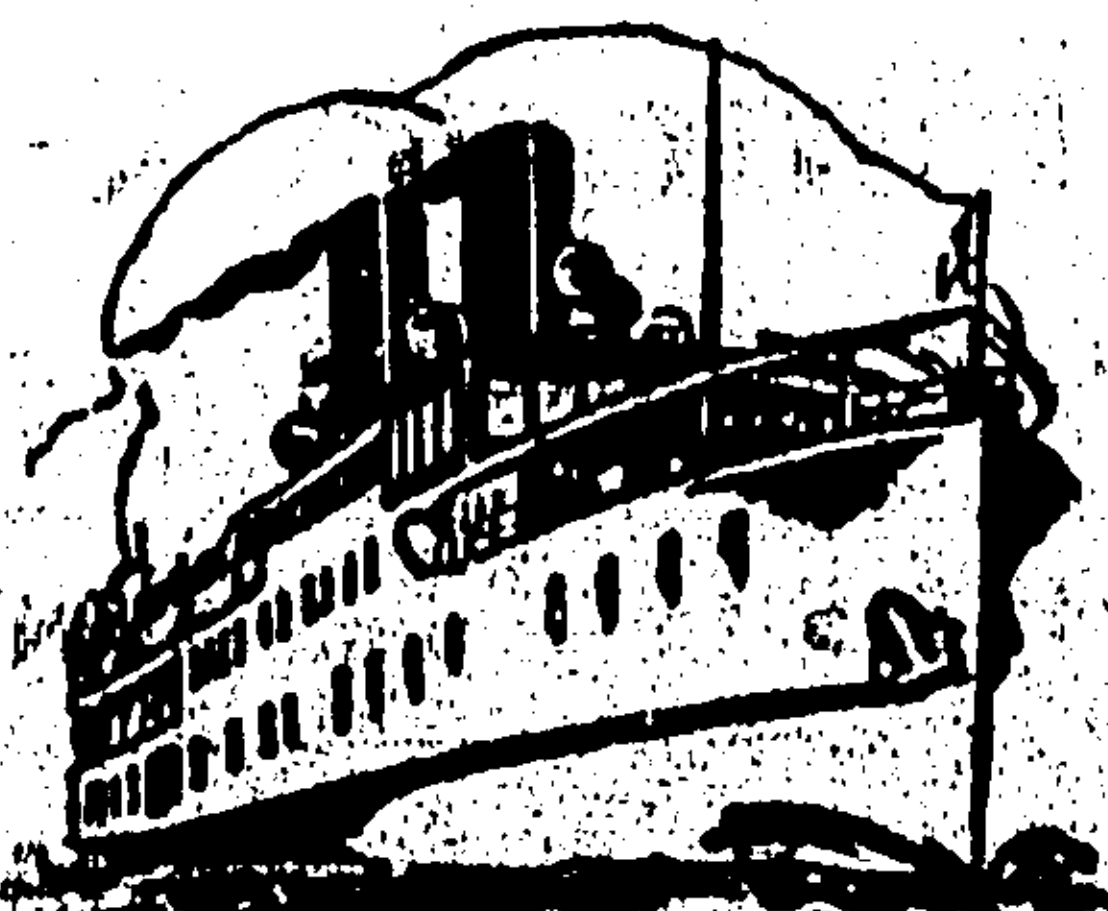
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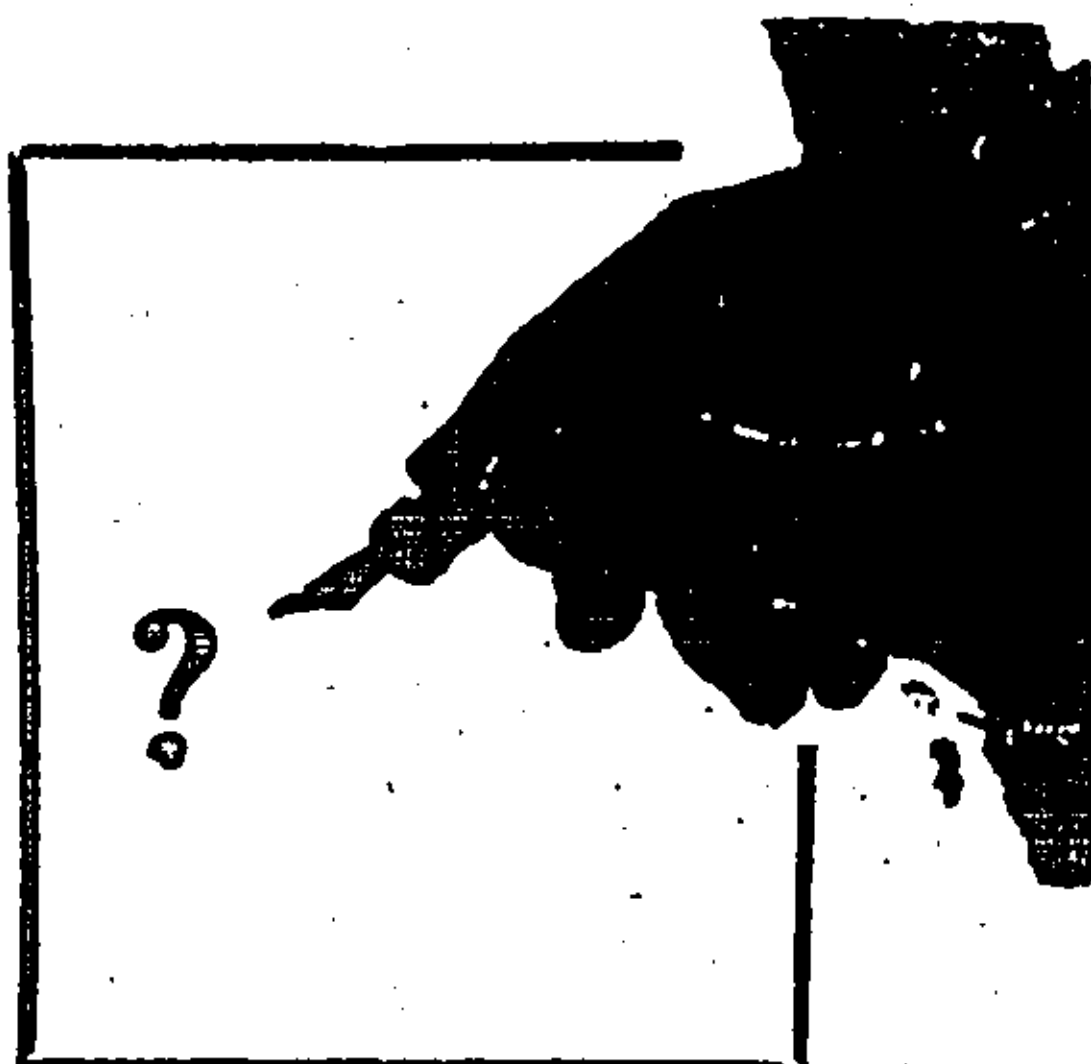
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CZECH TORTURED INTO INSANITY

Anthony Flala, an American citizen of Czech descent, told reporters when he returned to New York aboard the Manhattan that he had found his brother, formerly a tavern keeper in Prague, "speechless and insane from torture inflicted by the Nazis."

Their 70-year-old mother died from heart attacks when she saw how her son had been injured.

Flala said that he went to Prague in response to a cable warning him that his brother was seriously ill.

"What I saw there," he said, "so aroused me that I later tried to join the Czech Legion in Paris, but was turned down because I am an American citizen. I have good information that there are 20,000 persons in prison in Prague."

"Practically everyone prominent in the old regime is in custody. I believe that since the massacre of students on Oct. 28 about 5,000 people have been killed or have died from Nazi ill-treatment."

"One of their techniques is to put rubber pads on their victim's chest and back, then beat him with clubs. This leaves no marks, and the doctors are forced to certify death from natural causes."

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HEAVY FINES ON THREE INDIANS

That he was threatened by the other accused to make a false report to the police was the excuse given by Gurdial Singh, 18, unlicensed watchman, when charged with giving false information to the police on March 23 after his friends had been involved in a motor-car accident in Prince Edward Road. He was fined \$50 by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Bhac Singh, 21, of Marsden and Company, charged with driving a private car, No. 6231, without the owner's permission, with failing to report the accident and with driving in a dangerous manner, was fined \$150, while Gurdial Singh, 20, unemployed, and Gurbachan Singh, 20, private watchman, both charged with aiding and abetting Bhac Singh to drive the car without the owner's permission, were each fined \$40.

Inspector T. K. Whelan stated that at 4.30 a.m. on March 23 the officer on duty at Mongkok Station Charge Room, Sergeant Gough, received a telephone message from the residents of No. 239, Prince Edward Road, who said that a car had run into the garden wall.

Sergeant Gough, continued Inspector Whelan, immediately went to the spot where he saw extensive damage to the car and bloodstains in the front seat.

About 25 minutes later, Sergeant Gough received another telephone call from Gurdial Singh who stated that four Chinese had come to East Asia Garage; one of them held his hands back while the other three drove away the car, No. 6231.

Sergeant Gough then took the usual action, circulating the "car-stolen" message to all stations.

The police, after further investigation, established that Gurdial Singh was giving false information which later he himself admitted, assisting the Police to locate the other three defendants in a house in Portland Street.

The injured men were sent to the hospital where Gurdial Singh was detained for a week. The car was damaged to the extent of \$595.10.

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LE SEELLEUR'S SUCCESSES IN RIFLE MEET

THE FINAL DAY of the Hong Kong Rifle Association's annual meeting opened in fine weather yesterday. There was no sun and very little wind and five tied for first place in the President's Cup. As a result of the shoot off, F. Sgt. Tollison, who has been shooting consistently well throughout the meeting, carried off the trophy.

Once the team shoots were over the stage was set for the battle at 700 and 800 yards, the result of which would decide the destination of the Governor's prize. At 2.15 p.m. firing began at 700 yards and a shoot off on this range gave Lt. Cooper top place. At 3 p.m. the final shoot at 800 yards began and excitement was intense throughout the firing of the 10 rounds. Lt. Otway, with a fine 49, carried off the trophy for this range, but the final count showed that Lt. Le Seelleur, R.E., had just beaten E. A. Gilpin, Royal Navy, by a point for the Governor's prize.

In traditional style he was carried by his fellow competitors from the firing point to the Governor's tent, there to be cheered and congratulated by the large crowd present for the prize distribution.

The prize list showed that the meeting had been a triumph for the Royal Engineers. The Governor's Prize, the Grand Aggregate and the All Comers' Aggregate, the three major competitions, went to Le Seelleur, who in addition to shooting helped in the preparations.

Results:

Governor's Prize:—1, Lt. Le Seelleur, (R.E.) 322; 2, E. A. Gilpin, (4th Sub. Fl.) 321; 3, Lt. Otway, (R.E.) 318; 4, C. E. A. Templeton, (4th Sub. Fl.) 314; 5, F/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) 314; 6, Lt. Cooper, (Mx.) 313; 7, P/Sgt. K. C. Wong, (H.K.P.R.) 312; 8, C/Sgt. Hale, (Mx.) 311; 9, Sgt. Russell, (H.K.P.) 311; 10, Sgt. Puran Singh, (H.K.P.) 309; 11, P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, (H.K.F.) 309; 12, C.E.R.A. Classey, (4th Sub. F.) 306; 13, A.S.P. Loie, (H.K.P.R.) 302; 14, Sgt. Heap, (R.E.) 301; 15, Insp. Hopkins, (H.K.P.) 300; 16, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.) 299; 17, Sgt. Breese, (R.M.) 299; 18, A. F. Evans, (R.A.F.) 298; 19, Lt. Holmes, (H.K.V.D.C.) 287; 20, Sub. Lt. Carey, (H.K.N.V.F.) 275.

Piereright Competition:—Lt. Otway, (R.E.) 49.

Lowest Score:—1 and 2, A. F. Evans, \$2.40; 3, Sgt. Ure (Mx.) 50 cts.

Sweepstakes:—Spr. Allo, (R.E.) \$1.40; Sgt. Green (R.S.) 70 cts.; Gillman, (D.R.C.) 40 cts.

Bisley Competition:—1, Lieut. Cooper, (Mx.) after shoot off. Newton Aggregate Cup and replica, Capt. Hyde, (C.M.P.); Trophies, Lieut. Bateman, (H.K.N.V.F.); Capt. Newton, (Mx.); Capt. Hyde, (C.M.P.); Lieut. Bateman, (H.K.N.V.F.); Spoons, Capt. Newton; Major White, (R.S.); Lieut. Bateman, A. F. Evans, (R.A.F.); Capt. Hyde; Major Delcourt, (Mx.).

Services Meeting:—Winner intership and Unit team prize, H. Q. China Command; Winner Services Individual Match, Capt. Hyde, (C.M.P.); 2, (\$9) Capt. Macrae, (Sea); 3, (\$3) Capt. Newton.

President's Cup:—1, F/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) after shoot off; 2, S.I., C. C. Chau, (H.K.P.R.); 3, Sgt. K. C. Wong, (H.K.P.R.); 4, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.); 5, Sub/Insp. Chan, (H.K.P.R.); 6, Trenouth, (D.R.C.).

Association Medalists:—P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, (H.K.P.R.) 33.

Claybird:—March 30, Singles Open, Winner Lt. Bateman, Runner up Capt. Newton. Handicap, Winner Capt. Newton, Runner up Major White. March 31—Singles Open, Winner Capt. Hyde; Runner up Lt. Bateman. Handicap Winner Lt. Bateman, Runner up A. F. Evans. Doubles Winner Capt. Hyde. Runner up Lt. Bateman. April 1—Singles Open Winner Lt. Bateman, Runner up Capt. Newton. Handicap Winner Capt. Newton, Runner up Major Delcourt. Doubles Major Delcourt, Capt. Newton (tie). Winner The "Newton" Aggregate Cup, Capt. Hyde.

Services:—Winner, Headquarters China Command, 30; Runner up, Middlesex, 27. Individual:—1, Capt. Hyde; 2, Capt. Macrae; 3, Capt. Newton. Winning team—Capt. Neve, Maj. Gen. Grasset, Lt. Tenant, Major White.

Revolver Aggregate:—1, Cpl. Maghar Singh, (H.K.P.) 83; 2, L/Sgt. Tansley, (H.K.P.R.) 80; 3, P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, (H.K.P.R.) 78.

Association S.R. Championship:—1, R.S.M. Maslem, (R.E.) 98; 2, L/Sgt. Nunn, (R.E.) 93; 3, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.) 89; 4, L/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) 88; 5, Cpl. Neave, (R.S.) 88; 6, Sgt. Heap, (R.M.) 86; 7, Sgt. Whippy, (R.S.) 85; 8, Sgt. Fann, (H.K.P.R.) 84; 9, Spr. Colebrook, (R.E.) 82; 10, Cpl. Ghulam Mohamed, (H.K.P.) 82; 11, Sgt. Bremner, (R.S.) 81; 12, Cpl. Cole, (S.R.M.) 77; 13, Pte. Hickenbottom, (R.E.) 77; 14, Piper Stewart (S.I.), (R.S.) 77; 15, Mr. Whyte, (D.R.C.) 75; 16, Cpl. Narain Singh, (H.K.P.) 73; 17, Cpl. Hitchcock, (R.E.) 73; 18, Cpl. Naranjan Singh, (H.K.P.) 67; 19, L/Cpl. Pemberton, (R.E.) 64; 20, Sgt. Booth, (R.S.) 63.

Senior Members Match:—1, Army.—Maj. Gen. A. E. Grasset, 23; Brig. J. T. W. Reeve, 30; Brig. T. McLeod, 27; total 80.

International Match:—1, China.—A.S.P. (R) D. Loie, 60; P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, 57; L/Sgt. N. L. Pan, 58; L/Sgt. O. T. Leong, 57. Total 232.

All Comers Aggregate:—1, Lieut. Le Seelleur, (R.E.) 299; 2, Sgt. Russell, (H.K.P.) 293; 3, C/Sgt. Hale, (Mx.) 292; 4, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.) 292; 5, C.E.R.A. Classey, (4th Sub. Fl.) 290; 6, F/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) 290; 7, E. A. Gilpin, (4th Sub. Fl.) 290; 8, Sub. Insp. C. C. Chau, (H.K.P.R.) 290; 9, C.E.A. Templeton, (4th Sub. Fl.) 288.

Individual Revolver Competition:—1, Sgt. Gowans, (H.K.P.) 27; 2, Sub/Insp. Ritchie, (H.K.P.) 23; 3, P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh, (H.K.P.) 20.

Revolver Medals:—1, Cpl. Maghar Singh, (H.K.P.) 64; 2, Insp. Ali Mohamed, (H.K.P.) 60; 3, P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, (H.K.P.R.) 60.

Steel-Coulson Trophy:—1, Hong Kong Police, 308.

Services Team Aggregate:—1, Royal Scots, 471.

Revolver Pool:—Lt. Dawson, \$2.40; Mr. Tansley, \$1.80; C.S.M. Milne, 60 cts.

Services Rifle Championship:—1, R.S.M. Maslem, (R.E.) 98; 2, L/Sgt. Nunn, (R.E.) 93; 3, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.) 89; 4, F/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) 88; 5, Cpl. Neave, (R.S.) 88; 6, Sgt. Heap, (R.M.) 86; 7, Sgt. Whippy, (R.S.) 85; 8, Spr. Colebrook, (R.E.) 82; 9, Pte. Mackenzie, (Sen.) 81; 10, Sgt. Bremner, (R.S.) 81.

Grand Aggregate:—1, Lt. Le Seelleur, (R.E.) 415; 2, E. A. Gilpin, (4th Sub. Fl.) 409; 3, F/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) 408; 4, Lt. Otway, (R.E.) 403; 5, Sgt. Heap, (R.M.) 402; 6, Sub/Insp. C. C. Chau, (H.K.P.R.) 401; 7, L/Sgt. Puran Singh, (H.K.P.) 401; 8, C.E.A. Templeton, (4th Sub. Fl.) 401; 9, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.) 401; 10, C.E.R.A. Classey, (4th Sub. Fl.) 400; 11, Sub. Lt. Carey, (H.K.N.V.F.) 399; 12, C/Sgt. Hale, (Mx.) 396; 13, Lt. Cooper, (Mx.) 395; 14, Sgt. Breese, (R.M.) 395; 15, Mr. Guard, (D.R.C.) 393; 16, Capt. Sequeira, (H.K.V.D.C.) 393; 17, Mr. Trenouth, (D.R.C.) 391; 18, P. S. Chanchal Singh, (H.K.P.) 387; 19, P. S. Thong, (H.K.P.R.) 387; 20, A.S.P. Loie, (H.K.P.R.) 387.

Association Cup:—1, C/Sgt. Hale, (Mx.) 35; 2, Mr. Fereman, (D.R.C.) 34; 3, S/Insp. C. C. Chan, (H.K.P.R.) 34; 4, Lt. Le Seelleur, (R.E.) 34.

Founder's Prize Aggregate:—1, Lieut. Le Seelleur, (R.E.) 388; 2, Sub. Insp. C. C. Chau, (H.K.P.R.) 378; 3, E. A. Gilpin, (4th Sub. Fl.) 378; 4, Cpl. Brighty, (R.E.) 376; 5, Lieut. Otway, (R.E.) 375; 6, C.E.R.A. Classey, (4th Sub. Fl.) 373.

Team Revolver Match Amended Prize List:—1, Hong Kong Police, 97; 2, Royal Scots, 73.

Brookwood Competition, Results of Shoot off, S.R. (a) Class X:—1, Spr. Allo, Won by

BUTTON LEBENSRAUM

This Tale of a Button comes from a friend who has recently been in Berlin.

An American newspaper correspondent in Berlin lost a button off his overcoat. In vain he searched the shops of the German capital for a button. After almost giving up hope of ever finding one he saw exactly what he wanted on the coat of a colleague sitting next to him at a Press conference.

The temptation was too great to be resisted. He quietly twisted off the button and pocketed it. This invasion of another man's Lebensraum did him little good. He is still going about with one button missing from his overcoat. Nowhere in Berlin could he find any thread.

Default; 2, L/Cpl. Wood; S.R. (b) Class M.—1, Gillman, (D.R.C.); 2, P.S.M. Clements, (R.S.).

Clay Bird Section:—Single Rise Open Winner, Capt. Hyde; Runner Up, Lieut. Bateman; Single Rise, Handicap, Winner, Lieut. Bateman; Runner Up, A. F. Evans; Double Rise, Winner, Capt. Hyde; Runner Up, Lieut. Bateman.

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Second Act
Of Puccini's
"La Boheme"

6.00 p.m.—Beethoven—Trio in D Major, Op. 70, No. 1. Hephzibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano & Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).
6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.30 p.m.—Popular Classics compered from the Studio.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Puccini's "La Boheme" Act II.
8.22 p.m.—Sibelius—Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides", Op. 73. The B.B.C.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Harry Ore.
8.55 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on

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the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Studio—"Doctor My Book". A Play in one act by Rudolph de Cordova and Alicia Ramsey. Produced by Evelyn Wood. Action takes place in the year 1814. Scene: The consulting room of Doctor Abernethy. The cast in order of appearance: Doctor Abernethy... R. Norsworthy; Doctor Richard Linton... E. O'Neil Shaw; Mrs. Calthrop, Abernethy's Housekeeper... Helen Prior; Colonel the Hon. Frederic Hamilton... C. Jones; Mrs. Gervaise-Danvers... Evelyn Gray; Miss

Julia Gervaise-Danvers... Diana Duncan; The Reverend Nichodemus

Brown... H. D. Rosenthal; The Countess of Arbuthnot... Vera Murrell; Mick O'Brien... J. A. Page; H.R.H. The Prince of Wales... H. L. Duncan.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

ALLIES WERE READY TO HELP NORDIC COUNTRIES

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
BRITAIN HAD NOT ONLY OFFERED EFFECTIVE AID TO FINLAND BUT HAD BEEN PREPARED TO GIVE SWEDEN AND NORWAY MILITARY HELP IF THEY WERE MENACED BY GERMANY FOR ALLOWING ALLIED TROOPS TO PASS THROUGH THEIR TERRITORIES ON THE WAY TO FINLAND, M. GUNTHER, SWEDISH PREMIER, TOLD THE UPPER CHAMBER OF THE RIKSDAG (THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT) YESTERDAY.

The matter, he said, arose through representations made by the British Minister in Stockholm on March 2. The Minister said that the Allied Governments had come to the conclusion that the only way to prevent Finland from falling a victim of aggression was to extend help in the form of an Allied force, and they were prepared to send such a force. The British Government was aware that since this force must necessarily pass through Norway and Sweden, these two countries might be exposed to reaction on the part of Germany. The Allies were prepared to give Norway and Sweden extensive military help, and preparations for this were already far advanced. M. Gunther continued that the French Minister supported this statement, but that the Swedish Government was unable to grant permission. — Reuter.

AIR FORCES ACTIVE IN FRANCE

PARIS, TO-DAY.
LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH COMMUNIQUE SAID ARTILLERY FIRE WAS PARTICULARLY HEAVY IN THE REGION IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE SAAR.
Both air forces were active and air fights took place, the results of which are not yet known. All our machines returned safely.
In the course of engagements on Sunday our fighter patrols encountered much superior enemy forces and two of our single-seaters were brought down.—Reuter.



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TOO GREEDY

To-day's hand illustrates two points: First, that before doubling any contract that you have surely set, it is well to consider whether or not you can defeat your opponents if they are able to find a better trump suit. East should have been well satisfied with South's four-heart contract, for his defence against clubs was not nearly so good.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ Q 10 8 6 3 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A K 10
♣ 6 4
♠ K 9 7 4
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♣ Q 10 2
N
W
E
S
♠ A J 5
♥ A J 7 3 2
♦ A Q J 4
♣ 5 3
♠ —
♥ K Q 8 6 4
♦ 5 2
♣ A K J 9 8 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
5♣	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Our second point concerns the opening lead. West opened his singleton heart—a very poor lead for a single ruff would gain him nothing since his hand contained one sure trump trick. Furthermore, he was helping South to establish his heart suit. East won the trick with the Ace and returned a low heart, which South wisely ducked and West trumped. West now led a spade. Dummy's ten was

played, East covered with the Jack and Declarer trumped. South now laid down the Ace and King of clubs, and when the Queen dropped, played out his entire six trumps. The last trump lead effected a squeeze on East, who found it impossible to keep his protection in both hearts and diamonds. Thus, South actually made five clubs doubled, whereas he would have been set several tricks in hearts if East had not been so avaricious.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ Q x x x
♥ A K x
♦ A K x
♣ A J x

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone
2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Pass. Your opening two-notrump bid was a minimum; therefore you should not rebid the same values. If partner is bidding correctly, a Slam is very unlikely. Score 100% for pass, 40% for five notrump, 20% for six notrump.

QUESTION NO. 373

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner. You are the dealer and hold:

♠ 10 x x
♥ K Q J x x
♦ K Q x x x

The bidding:

You	Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SOFTBALL NOTES

TWO BIG SURPRISES

Dollano's Three-Base Hit Gives Victory To P. I.

INDIA OUTPLAYS U.S. IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

(By "GRANDSTAND")

THE DOPESTERS and Softball critics had a bad day on Sunday in the International series. Biggest upset of the day was in the curtain-raiser, when Philippines surprisingly subdued China 7-5 in a tilt full of excitement and thrills.

The Chinese were at least 10 to 1 favourites to down the boys from the Southern Archipelago, but, playing one man short, spelt defeat for Chung Hwa. The Filipinos played just as good a game as the Chinese squad, but I am of the opinion that if China had had the regulation nine men on the field the story would have been different.

The Chinese aggregation were a down-hearted lot after the struggle, specially the female species, who were there in big numbers to give their boys some moral support, shouted at the ump, in no mild tone, on a couple of close decisions.

Needless to comment on the jubilation of L. R. Idefonso and his cohorts at upsetting China's tea wagon.

Both teams played on even terms, bungling five chances apiece; with the stick China registered only one more blow than the Filipinos' five.

The Chinese, who were first to bat, started off like a house on fire with four tallies in the first canto. With two outs Luke Bunn laced a stinging double to centre field and stole third a minute later. Wally "bare-foot-boy" Ching followed with a grass cutter that almost de-arm'd third sacker Palma, and Bunn scored on the bobble. Respectably Al Lau came through with a double to score Wally. Choy singled to enable Lau to cross the plate and Choy romped home on Richard Chung's double. In trying to pilfer third Chung was nailed at the hot corner, chucker Dave Amper assisting Palma to retire the session.

China scored one more in the third and were blanked the rest of the way.

TWO SCORELESS INNINGS

The Filipinos were blanked in the first two stanzas. In the third the lads from down yonder dented the counting station with two counts. Frankie Gonzales and Vency Marques scored on a miscue by Al Lau, a wild pitch, a walk, a bobble by Luke Bunn and a wild throw by Wally Ching.

Philippines scored one more in the fifth, and jumped ahead with a four-run rally in the sixth to bag the game. Dave Amper doubled and Dave Bautista singled. Johnny Delgado popped, to shortstop for the first out. Palma was safe at first on a fielder's choice to load the cushions.

At this stage of the fray, players and spectators alike were on pins and needles with the tying runs on bases.

Bob Laurel grounded and Dave Amper, who was forced home, was safe when hind snatcher Nip Lum had his foot off the plate after receiving the ball. Frankie Gonzales sacrificed a long fly and Bautista counted to knot the score, 5-5.

Hero of the day was Fidel Dollano, who connected for a three ply clout, longest hit of the game, to chase in Bob Laurel and Palma for the two tallies which meant victory.

China tried desperately in the seventh but the Filipinos held them in one-two-three order.

Tuffy Chinn twirled a brilliant game for China, wiffing five and walking two, while Dave Amper, the Filipino southpaw slinger, fanned one and passed one.

A neat double-play was completed by the Filipinos in the fifth inning; Johnny Delgado to Dave Bautista then to Vency Marques to get rid of Wally Ching and Al Lau.

Two doubles by Dave Amper and a two-bagger each by Luke Bunn, Nip Lum, Richard Chung and Al Lau were the other long distance hits.

R. H. E.
Philippines 0 0 2 0 1 4 x-7 5 8
China 4 0 1 0 0 0 0-5 6 5

SECOND UPSET

India gave United States of America an 8 to 3 trimming to cause the second upset of the day. U.S.A. were not such hot favourites to beat India, but all the same nobody would have given a row of pins for India's chances of lowering the boom on the Stars and Stripes!

To be quite candid I never expected India to give the Americans such a walloping and I am sorry now that I did not take a bet from my buen amigo Willie from Humontin way, who tried to get a lemonade off me against his quart of beer that the Americans will top the Indians in the second game of the International series. We were wrong again Willie!

As the score book shows there is no doubt

PORTUGUESE VICTORIES OVER G.B.

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the only game played in the Men's League, Liga Portuguesa blanked Central British Association 13-0. C.B.A. fielded a very scrub team, while Liga was well represented for a change. C.B.A. even fielded Joe Higgins' little son to complete the side!

This defeat makes C.B.A. close neighbours of the Emma Gees at the bottom of the League ladder.

In two friendly games, Portugal triumphed over both the male and female teams of Great Britain. The British men were topped by the Portuguese lads 12-10, while the femmes went down like a ton of bricks in a 13-3 count against the Portuguese cuties.

The men's game was more or less a get together for both teams and, from the result, one cannot tell how strong or weak the British side is. Britain was without the services of their first string pitcher, Denham Cray and first-sacker Terry Leonard. "Smudge" Smith and George White took turns on the mound for Great Britain, while Portugal had the services of three hurlers in Kelly Silva-Netto, Jackie Noronha and Johnny Alvares.

Portugal showed some real power with the bat, with Eddie Gosano belting two homers and Nick Beltrao and Miguel Mendonca coming through with a 1,000 per cent. average with the hickory. The losers' only long hits were Joe Higgins' double and Al Leonard's two bagger.

BRITISHERS NOT SO HOT!

The Portuguese girls had easy sailings all the way to take the British cuties to town in a 13-3 count. The British femmes did not look any too good either on the field or with the bat and I fear the Chinese damsels are well prepared for a long merry-go-round next Sunday when they meet Maudie Read's squad. Anyway there's nothing like trying.

that the Indians outplayed their opponents in all departments of the game. India bootied only three to the Yankees' six. With the willow and the Indians walloped Doc Molthen for not less than nine solid blows, including a double by Madeen Arculli.

Kassa Nazarin limited the Americans to four hits, the longest of which were a triple by Doc Molthen and a two-bagger by Highpockets Wilson. Doc struck out one and passed one while Nazarin fanned two and walked one.

EARLY STAGES SCORELESS

The score-board showed nothing but goose eggs for two innings and a very tight encounter was anticipated. In the third, India started on their way to victory with two tallies. Madeen Arculli and Abdul Omar crossing the pan on a hit by Madeen and two American bobbles.

In the fourth, India added three more counts and from then on India had the game in the bag. Hassan reached first when Badrick let the ball go through his legs at the windy alley; Sherry Bux and Huckjai Kitchell got on on hits and all three scored later on a sacrifice fly by Nazarin and a wild throw by Red Kiplinger at the left pastures.

India made sure of victory with three more runs in the sixth on three hits and a muff by Dick Venezia at right field.

The Americans could only reply with one run in the sixth stanza and in the last canto the Americans were disposed of in easy manner to end the game.

A dazzling double-killing was pulled off by the Yanks in the second frame. Doc Molthen to Ernie Hearther at first and then Ernie to Jughald Cogdill to nail Sherry Bux at the hot corner.

Fielding gems of the game were Sherry Bux and Ernie Hearther. Sherry gathered Wilson's long fly off his shoe string for the best catch I have even seen since Red Kiplinger nabbed a fly off Bill Woo's bat on the C.B.A. ground, and Ernie Hearther's one-handed catch of a hard drive off Hassan's stick had the crowd shouting for more.

R. H. E.
India 0 0 0 0 2 1 0-8 4 6
U.S.A. 0 0 0 0 2 1 0-3 4 6

SOFTBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE

INTERNATIONAL			
Philippines	7	China	5
India	8	U.S.A.	3
MEN'S LEAGUE			
Liga	13	C.B.A.	0
FRIENDLY			
Portugal	12	Great Britain	10 (Girls)
P'tugal Girls	13	Great Britain	3

LEAGUE BADMINTON

Two matches were played in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League last night resulting in wins for University and K.C.C.

University beat St. John's by 7-2:
K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo (Univ.) beat N. L. Smith and Mrs. Strange 21-10
beat D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-4
beat R. Beaven and Miss McCaw 21-6
P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo (Univ.) beat Smith and Mrs. Strange 21-17
beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-11
Gave walk over to Beaven and Miss McCaw.

P. S. Bun and Miss J. K. Hung (Univ.) lost to Smith and Mrs. Strange 17-21
beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-18
beat Beaven and Miss McCaw 21-7

K.C.C. Win

K.C.C. beat Talkoo by 8-1:
J. L. Anderson and Miss Stokes (K.C.C.) beat W. C. Bovard and Miss Pollock 21-9
beat R. Main and Mrs. Main 21-15
beat H. O. Gillies and Mrs. Beattie 21-3
A. L. Fisher and Miss Parson (K.C.C.) lost to Bovard and Miss Pollock 16-21
beat Main and Mrs. Main 21-18
beat Gillies and Mrs. Beattie 21-14
P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss Harker (K.C.C.) beat Bovard and Miss Pollock 21-13
beat Main and Mrs. Main 21-10
beat Gillies and Mrs. Beattie 21-16

King's Good Win

At St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, King's College scored a good win over St. Andrew's Club in "B" Division of the Badminton League.

A. E. Brown and W. Gillies (St. Andrew's) beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 21-15
lost to S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung 21-24
beat K. H. Lo and P. Lam 21-2
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's) lost to Woo and Lui 8-21
lost to Chan and Chung 16-21
beat Lo and Lam 21-11
A. E. P. Guest and M. M. Davies (St. Andrew's) lost to Woo and Lui 7-21
lost to Chan and Chung 2-21
lost to Lo and Lam 8-21

BADMINTON FIXTURES

There has been a re-arrangement of the Badminton Championship fixtures for the week owing to the inability of H. Eardley to play on Wednesday.

This evening, commencing at 8.30 at Club de Recreio, Eardley and Nor-

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY SEASON WIND-UP

To mark the end of a highly successful season, in which over 70 men's games have so far been played, the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club plan to hold a special cabaret-dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 19th, to which all members and friends are invited.

On the next day (Saturday), the season will be formally closed by two intra-Club matches, the first starting at 3 o'clock, when the Men's Junior XI will play the "Y" Ladies, winners of the Caer Clark Cup for the fourth successive year. The second match will be between the Civilian and Service members of the Club's Senior team.

Weather permitting, an open air tea will be given on the ground and photographs will be taken.

POPULAR FUNCTIONS

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club dances have always proved to be very popular in the past, and every effort is being made to ensure the success of this one. It will begin at 9 p.m. and will last till 2 a.m., to the music of Art Caneiro's Band.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained beforehand through members or at the counter of the Y.M.C.A. Double tickets cost \$3.50 and single tickets \$2.00, and the proceeds will go to the British War Organisation Fund.—Contributed.

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS TO PLAY ARMY

The following will represent the Officers H.K.V.D.C. against "An Army XI" at the K.C.C. on Sunday commencing 11.30 a.m. sharp:

Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Major R. D. Walker, Major H. Owen Hughes, Lt. A. E. Perry, Lt. J. S. Hardie Scott, Lt. E. W. Stout, Lt. A. M. Rodrigues, Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, 2/Lt. D. McLellan, 2/Lt. W. Stoker and 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce.

man Smith will play C. Au and P. H. Wong; to-morrow at K.C.C. at 8.30 K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew will meet A. M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira; and on Thursday, at Recreio, C. Au will meet H. Eardley and P. H. Wong will meet K. L. Yong in the semi-finals of the singles event.

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RUNNERS-UP POSITION VIRTUALLY DECIDED

EASTERN, BY DEFEATING Kowloon by five clear goals on the Club ground yesterday are now almost assured of the runners-up position of First Division of the Football League.

Kowloon fielded a weak side and were without Bliss, Bell and Santos, while Eastern had Tsui Ah-fai in place of Lee Tak-kee.

Eastern were the better and faster team and scored their four goals in the first half. In the later period they were inclined to indulge in fancy play. This amused the crowd but if any Eastern player had been hurt it would have been his own fault.

Eastern should realise that Kowloon to accomodate them had agreed to the fixture and jeopardised their own chances of finishing up runners-up and the least they could do was to play football.

PLAYED HARD

Kowloon played hard under the circumstances but their attack lacked sting. The Jorge brothers were weak, F. Jorge, a reserve, on

the left wing not being up to standard, while Pat missed several chances. Ulrich and Eastman, the backs, defended well, while Smith in goal played a good game.

Eastern opened the scoring through Tsui Ah-fai and Hau Ching-to added another soon after. Before the interval Chung Yung-sum added the third goal.

In the second period Tsui Ah-fai scored two further goals in the early part and for the remainder of the game the ball was kept in Kowloon territory.

EASTERN: — Lau Hin-hon; Chung Ying-king, Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tze-char, Hsu King-sen, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai, Ng Kee-cheung and Hau Ching-to.

KOWLOON: — Smith; Eastman, Ulrich; Maxwell, Dawes, White; Tomashevsky, P. Jorge, Coppara, Jackson and F. Jorge.



Tennis Wash-Out

Yesterday's tennis programme at the Hong Kong Cricket Club was postponed owing to the heavy shower of rain about 3.30 p.m. which left the courts in a sodden state.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

OPEN SINGLES

Tsui Yan-pui v. R. G. Biesel, Jr. (Stand Court); Wei Chung v. Tennie Kwok (7).

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Fu-nam and Lam Kwan v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

A. Lade and G. W. Sewell, -5.6 v. W. G. Harvey and A. R. Barwell, Scr. (2); N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert, Scr. v. R. C. Beavan and A. K. Mackenzie, -1.6 or J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard, -5.6 (3).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

D. G. C. Allen and Miss J. Purkis, Scr. v. C. B. and Mrs. Nicholson, -3.6 (4).

SIGNALS WIN CLOSE MATCH

In a five-game duck pin match at the Bowling Alleys yesterday, Royal Signals and U.S.S. Tulsa ended up in a tie of 1,842. A replay of one frame each to decide the winner went in favour of the Royal Signals by three points.

ROYAL SIGNALS

H. Blount	95	124	104	92	93	508
J. H. Watts	109	93	95	81	123	501
C. Somerville	78	82	81	97	106	444
W. Medford	88	92	80	82	93	435
Total						1,888

U.S.S. TULSA

C. T. Christensen	99	94	91	104	113	501
W. H. Hofman	79	83	88	90	128	468
J. A. Vasko	86	99	94	94	91	464
O. F. Drewes	89	94	91	88	90	452
Total						1,885



HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.
In the second replay of the Third Round of the Scottish Cup Airdrie beat Hearts by 4 goals to 2.
In the Eastern section of the Scottish League, Raith beat Aberdeen by 4 goals to 1.—Reuter.

C.B.S. Sports

Annual School Sports of Central British School will be held on the School ground on Saturday, starting at 2 p.m. weather permitting. Lady Noble has kindly agreed to give away the prizes.

P.T. DISPLAY

The Physical Training Display will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 6.15 p.m. on the school ground.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.).

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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During the last years of the Great War he directed the anti-submarine defence and invented a system permitting the sweeping from the seas of mines laid by the U-boats.

After the war, he became Chief of General Staff of the French Navy.

As a young man, he saw service in the Far East, including the Boxer campaign.—Havas.

SUICIDE PACT FOILED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
TOKYO, TO-DAY.

ANOTHER CASE OF A "SUICIDE PACT" CAME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLICE AUTHORITIES WHEN THE ATAMI POLICE STATION RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER POSTMARKED BY THE POST OFFICE IN ATAMI POPULAR HOT-SPRING RESORT ON THE JAPANESE "RIVIERA."

"We are Mr. Takaishi Shibuya and Miss Toshie Sasaki, of Naruse, Miyagi Prefecture. We shall go on a hiking trip in the mountains southwest of Atami, and there we shall await a messenger from Heaven on the top of the mountain, and shall leave this

THAT'S THE KIND OF WAR THIS IS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Brussels, To-day.

An expert military writer in the journal "Twentieth Century," analysing the effects and results of the Allied blockade, says that it is an indisputable fact that the German flag has been driven from all seas with the possible exception of the Baltic.

The fact that bells and medals are being rounded up in Germany is a strong indication that, whatever is officially said, metal is not abundant in Germany to-day.

There is, however, bound to be a "let-up" in the Spring, and only with the return of winter will anyone be able to draw conclusions regarding the evolution of the blockade.

France and Britain, says the writer, will do everything possible to strengthen the blockade, Germany everything possible to break it. "That is the kind of war this is."—Havas.

world together when we get the go-ahead signal. Please excuse us for causing you all this trouble, and would you please send our remains to our parents, Mr. Taka Shibuya and Mrs. Tsuneko Sasaki."

It is reported, however, that the suicide pact is not likely to be fulfilled, for if the suicide-bent lovers go to the appointed spot, they will find messengers from the Atami police station instead of the heavenly courier.—Havas.

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New York, To-day.

A general strike is threatened by the 27,000 employees of the two City underground railway systems and Mayor La Guardia has ordered the mobilization of all City departments in preparation for any emergency.

No less than 20,000 police have been ordered to be held in readiness to cope with the situation.

The workers' union is seeking to retain the closed shop principle when the City authorities shortly take over control of the system.

If the strike materialises, it will affect the travel of 4,300,000 persons daily.—Reuter.

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